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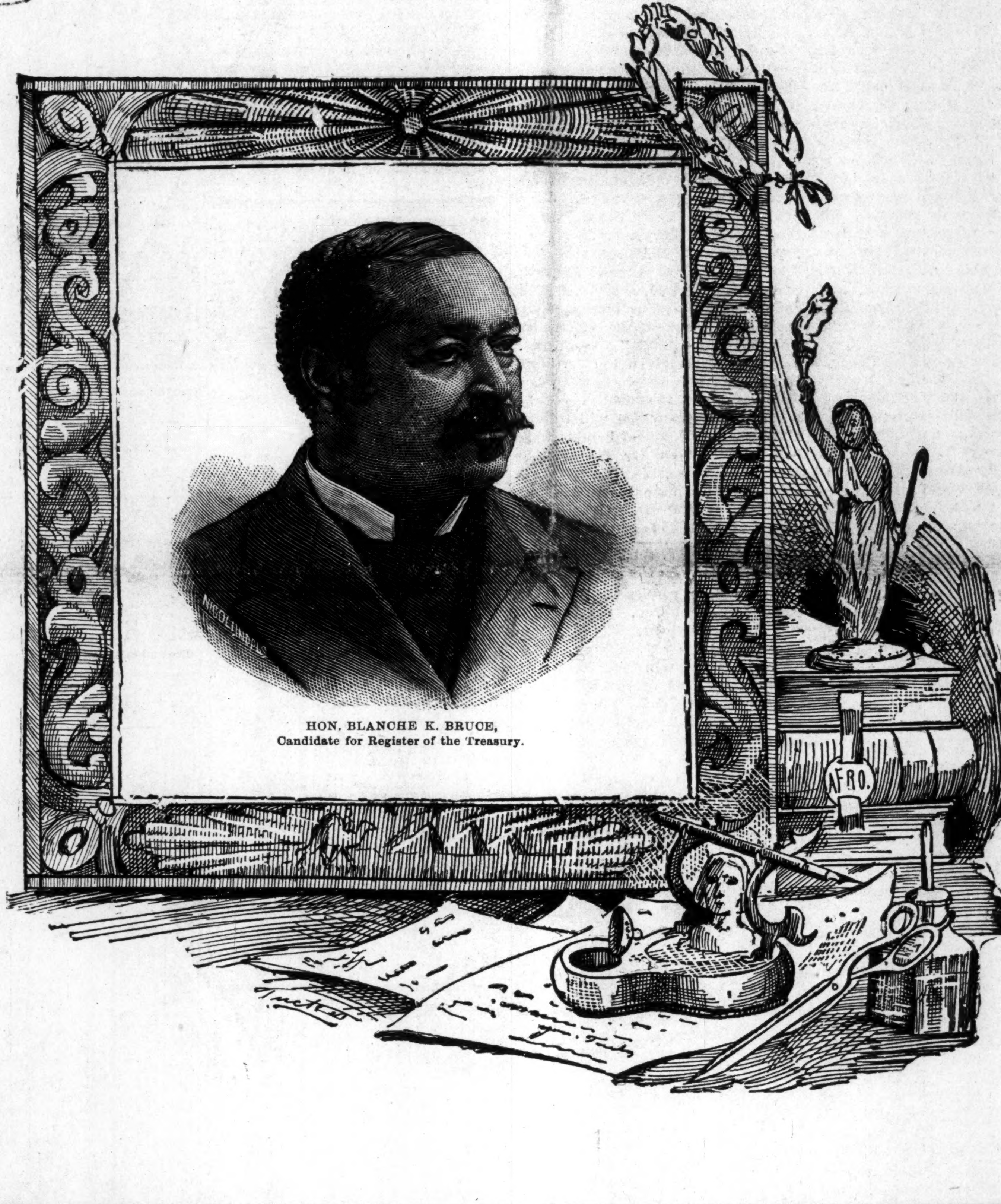

HON. BLANCHE K. BRUCE,
Candidate for Register of the Treasury.

THE ARMY OF THE ANXIOUS.

THE SITUATION SUGGESTS A VITASCOPE FROM THE BALL FIELD.

PRESIDENT TAKES HIS TIME.

Are State Delegations Necessary to Enable the Negro Office-Seeker to Cross the "Home Plate?"—The Difficulty in Securing Unanimity—Rumors and Counter-Rumors—Visitors of Note—Some Aspirations That May be Realized—Influences of Value to Afro-Americans in Certain States—Civil Service Prospects—Woman Has Her Innings at St. Luke's—Other Matters in Brief.

Washington, D. C., Special.

I dare say a large majority of The Freeman readers understand the fine points of the great national game of base-ball. Put on your thinking caps, and whether you occupy a cushioned chair in the grand stand, or a perch upon the "bleachers," try to imagine the following scene: Two "crack" teams of the big league are neck and neck for first place. It is the last game of the season. The opening half of the ninth inning has left the score a tie. The team at bat need one run to win the game and the pennant. Three men are on the bases, restless and eager to reach home plate. Two "hands" have been retired at first. The heavy-hitter and prize beauty of the "ins" is at the bat. Three "balls" have been called on him, and twice has the umpire yelled, "strike!" A death-like stillness pervades the heretofore turbulent crowd, and hearts almost cease to beat as the pitcher delivers the finale ball which must decide so much. The batsman swings out for a master stroke, and—I won't say what he did to the whizzing sphere, or how the game resulted. It is just this situation of suppressed excitement and breathless expectancy that characterizes the office-seeking element in Washington to-day. Players for place and spectators are alike keyed up to a high pitch of anxiety. A single "hit" may win—a trivial "error" may bring disaster. It is a critical stage of the game, and the "runners" are "hugging their bases" closely for fear of being "caught napping" and "touched out." Although the great national game of politics is just opening, all the intense interest attaching to a crucial finish is felt throughout the land, with Washington as the center of pulsation—the magic heart of the nation. The "pennant-winners" are shrouded in the maze of speculation and the "rooters" are watching for "fancy catches," ready to hurrah for every lucky fellow who smashes out a "daisy" over the center-fielders head for a "three-bagger" or a "home run."

In short, the situation is a Chinese puzzle, and nothing can be done but to wait for the Great Sorcerer to unravel it. Many politicians, large and small, linger here near the "trough," but most of the crowd have gone home with ears alert to catch the faintest call from the alabaster mansion opposite Lafayette Square. Rumors are flying thick and fast, to be contradicted by the next breeze, which, in turn, brings another report equally as wild. Last week it was spread broad-cast throughout the city that Col. M. M. Holland had been appointed Recorder of Deeds. Mr. Holland is a remarkably fine gentleman, and is making a hot fight for the place, but up to this moment, the rotund form of Col. Taylor continues to adorn the easy chair in the sanctum of District property records. The impression still obtains that Mr. Taylor, together with the other four years appointed, register of wills, postmaster, marshal, etc., will be permitted to serve out his full term As the leading Gold Democrat of color, the Recorder stands in an enviable position for administration favor. He continues to allow the "other fellows" to do the worrying, and is industriously laboring to maintain the highest water-mark of efficiency in the conduct of his office.

THE DISTRICT CONTINGENT.

Hon. B K. Bruce is out for his old place, Register of the Treasury—a post which he filled with credit and distinction under Garfield and Arthur. His chances are excellent, and aside from Mr. Henry Y. Arnett, of Ohio, no other Afro-American aspirant is making any noticeable effort in opposition to the diplomatic ex-Senator. Hon. John R. Lynch would like his former post as Fourth Auditor, and he is strongly backed. The attitude of Secretary Gage in asking the return of the experienced officials of the Harrison regime is construed as highly favorable to the hopes of Messrs. Bruce and Lynch. Mr. Robert H. Terrell, a splendidly equipped young lawyer, who so admirably administered an important chiefship in the Treasury under Harrison, is slated for something good, and may be made an assistant District attorney by the permanent successor to Mr. Birney. Editor E. E. Cooper, of the Colored American, has done yeoman service from the inception of the McKinley boom to the present, and will be handsomely remembered. He is popular with all elements in the District of Columbia. Lawyer Hewlett's stock for police judge rises daily. L. C. Bailey, R. H. Key and a score of others are not permitting their claims to be forgotten. Hon. John M. Langston is endorsed for District Commissioner, and Drs. Purvis, Shadd and Francis continue to cast affectionate glances toward the foot of Howard Hill where stands in bold relief the Freedmen's Hospital.

SOME VISITORS OF NOTE.

Col. W. A. Pledger, of "Gawgy," is here and addressed Bethel Literary last Tuesday night. Col. Matt. N. Lewis of the Norfolk Recorder, is up for postmaster at Newport News, Va. Robert Pelham has a set of the prettiest endorsements mortal eye ever looked upon, and if the powers have any taste for the aesthetic, Mr. Pelham will win his land agency in a walk. Prof. R. R. Wright of Georgia, is a candidate for Recorder of Deeds, and claims the support of several Bishops of the A. M. E. church, although the sentiment among these eminent prelates is against an early retirement of Mr. Taylor, unless Democratic local officials are to go out in a bunch. Mr. Elwood Knox, the good-looking son of Hon. G L. Knox of Indiana, who so ably manages The Indianapolis Freeman, was here, and made a fine impression upon all whom he met. He refrained from talking politics, but quietly put in some very effective work for his distinguished father, whose candidacy for Recorder is an open secret. The courtly Greener, the suave Chris Perry, the dashing gazetteer, H. C. Smith, the stately Astwood, the meteoric C. W. Anderson, the polished Raymond the heavy-walleted banker, Isaac H. Smith—they were all here and planted seed which may by and by bring forth luscious fruit. Selah!

WHAT ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENTS?

President McKinley is in great demand these days. Besides the crush of office-seekers and sight-seer, the Executive Mansion is the daily Mecca of so many senators and representatives that the impression gathers that the sessions of Congress have been transferred from the Capital to the White House. The President is bearing the strain as well as could be expected, but is growing tired and Secretary Porter has hinted frequently that individual causes are rarely advanced by persistent importunity, and that the place-hunter might as well go home. The President will go slowly in the matter of appointments, and every applicant for important assignments can rest assured that his papers will be carefully examined before final action is taken. He is relieved of a great deal of work by the policy of requiring state delegations to agree among themselves upon candidates before bringing their names to him for preferment. This throws the settlement of factional quarrels back upon the several states, and if the delegations fail to "get together" they are apt to lose control of many rich morsels of patronage.

A burning question has been sprung by Afro-American aspirants: How far will this rule of unanimous state endorsement be insisted upon in the case of colored candidates? It is a notorious fact that in a general scramble for congressional support, where many influential white men are struggling for places, the colored man has a hard road to travel, especially when the deciding power is vested wholly in white officials. It requires a strong sense of justice for a Caucasian to turn down another Caucasian, to whom he may be bound by social and blood relationship to the end that a Negro's ambition may be gratified. The Negro is unavoidably "last in the shuffle."

Will Mr. McKinley, mindful of this fact place the Negro in an excepted class, and make his selections from their ranks a personal matter? He knows the weight and dept of the majority of prominent race men of the nation, and the absence of positive protest could make satisfactory appointments without reference to agreements by state delegations. Many think he will be governed by these considerations, especially in the northern states, where Negro leadership is not so patent a quantity as in the South and consequently factional differences are less bitter. Senators Lodge, in Massachusetts, Platt, in New York, Quay, in Pennsylvania, Hanna and Foraker, in Ohio, Fairbanks, in Indiana, and Cullum and Mason, in Illinois, will have great influence in naming the colored patriots from their bailiwicks who are to fatten in Uncle Sam's nutritious pasture. Their recommendations will probably be acquiessed in, where the President has no particular favorite to reward. The civil service bar is embarassing the rank and file of the "hopeful," and the apparent determination of the Executive to stand by the law, is causing no little uneasiness. Various amendments will be proposed at this season of Congress, designed to open a way toward a general reorganization of the departmental service, but the strength of the movement is yet to be determined. The President will countenance no radical departures from the civil service regulations as they stand.

A SYMPOSIUM ON WOMAN

"Woman's Night," under the auspices of the Men's Guild, of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, March 18, proved to be the banner meeting of that prosperous organization, at 8 o'clock, there was standing room only, and a more representative audience has seldom been brought together in this city. The speakers selected to present the several phases of woman's work were leaders in the field to which they were assigned, and their utterances were therefore entitled to especial consideration. Each lady was a complete mistess of her subject and a more attractive or profitable symposium could not have been devised. The President's opening address treated briefly of woman's remarkable advancement, and her magic influence in every department of human activity. Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, president of the National Association of Colored Women of America, spoke on the possibilities of that immense organization. Mrs. Arthur S. Gray, chairman of the Woman's industrial Committee, gave the progress and scope of the work of the Woman's Industrial League. Mrs. Rosetta E. Lawson, superintendent of the District W. C. T. U., reported the progress of this movement in Washington and the nation. Mrs. Daniel Murray, superintendent of the local Kindergartens, gave a graphic account of the schools in her charge and pointed out the importance of early training. Miss Mattie R. Bowen, director of theSojourner Truth Home for Woman spoke earnestly of the beauties of charity in every relation of life. A lively discussion followed, and for practical effect, the symposium on woman's work was voted the star event of the literary season. For April 15, "a symposium of the Press and Pulpit" is announced. Two journalists and two ministers will relate how the two callings may be made mutually helpful.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Washington Post thinks Bishop Turner's advice to Negroes to defend their homes is a dangerous doctrine and that the worthy prelateis sowing the seeds of race war, in which the Negro is sure to be the loser. This calls for discussion.

Miss Louise Alston who is winning many laurels as a poetess, lives at Brooklyn, D. C., and is a step daughter of Mr. A. J. Farley, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind.

Prof. Booker T. Washington will lecture here on the 5th of April.

Editor Chase's Washington Bee is pretty "warm" during this critical period.

A delegation called on President McKinley this week to urge the claims of L. C. Bailey for Recordership of Deeds. The address of the committee was delivered by Lawyer Robert H. Terrell.

Bethel literary association's Pledger meeting developed into a Southern love-feast with Georgia leading by a length. Good speeches were made by Messrs. Deveaux, Winibush, J.

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OUR CONTRIBUTORS WRITE.

NOTES THAT ARE INTERESTING—CURRENT TOPICS OF THE DAY.

CENTRAL PROGRESS LEAGUE.

From a Political Standpoint Our Aim should be—Best Interest of the Race—Our Liberty Civil and Natural—"The Meaning of the Two Great Parties and the Essential Part," Writes W. C. Calloway, Cincinnati, O., "Is the Issue at Stake From Time to Time"—Study Race Interests and Advance Politically—Notes From Other Writers.

We mean to proceed to do all our name implies from a political stand, since we are all connected with politics directly or indirectly. We should make the most of this glorious privilege that none should prize higher than the American freedmen, and concentrate our forces from time to time until our political standing will be worth the consideration of those in control. Not from a prejudiced attitude to the Anglo-Saxon race, but to use our best judument in regard to all legislation that we are asked to endorse as electors, considering the interest of the people not to impede our political interests, but rather to farther the the same as we advance in this science. To do as we will or please is natural liberty; to do what we will consistently, with the interest of the community to which we belong is civil liberty, and the only liberty to be desired in a a state of civil society in which we live. Experience has taught us to believe that it is more assential for us to pay more attention to our civil liberty than natural liberty as this is the only liberty that will in time profit us anything as a people or as a part of any municipal or general government. We mean to form ourselves into a republic of letters in the science of politics.

There are three-fifths of the colored voters to day that vote simply because it is election day, or some friend or office seeker has asked his support. He votes without consulting his own mind whether it is best for the community, or detrimental to any particular people. In such a state our votes are worth little to us, and we derive little good from our franchise as electors. Most colored people denounce the Democratic party and adhere to the Republican party. We mean to teach our people to know that the names of these two great parties mean one or the same thing and the only thing essential in politics is the issue at stake from time to time, and how it will affect the best interest of the people or ourself as a part of the people in the community, state or nation. Study your interest as you study the people's interest, and aim to advance in politics as good politics advance civilization.

W. C. CALLOWAY,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Interesting Program.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special

Tuscumbia has an abundance of water at present. Rev. Mrs. Sensabough has returned from Normal. On account of high waters, Rev. White could not meet his appointment Sunday at Florence. Miss Julia Meredith has an excellent music class. The B. Y. P. U., which meets every Monday night, is creating great interest. Mr. Turner of Memphis, Tenn., is doing excellent work with our city band. Quite an interesting program was rendered Friday night before the Grant Literary Society. Miss M. W. A. Ross will spend several weeks in Tuscumbia. The Baptist Sunday school is largely attended. I. James is on the sick list. Miss C. N. Ross' school will close April 9 at Leighton.

News From the "Falls City."

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Mrs. Ella Smith, who has been very sick at her residence. 1510 Second street, is rapidly improving. Mrs. Mary Green, an aged lady who resided at 1315 Magazine street, died last Thursday after a long illness. Funeral took place at Fifth street church. Matthew Goodall died very sudden at his residence, 1317 Magazine street last Saturday. Henry Clay, while washing a window in Main street, fell from a third story and broke his neck. Rev. C. C. Bates, after a very successful revival, baptized 71 converts last Sunday at Brier Grass Creek. Rev. Smith, the great evangelist preached at Calvary Baptist church last Sunday. Services were largely attended. The Dramatic Club of State University is preparing to give an entertainment at Masonic Temple theatre early in April. It bids fair to be grand. Much interest was manifested here over the recent defeat of Corbett, and the ascendency of Fitzsimmons to the pinnacle of pugilistic honor. It is stated on good authority that several of the colored sporting men who took advantage of the odds placed on Corbett, are now rolling in wealth. James Harris of the Ninth school, and Alonzo McAfee of the Eighth school are promising young men. The night schools will close this week. Now for old folk's holiday. Many persons are reported sick. Steve Cosby, the colored pugilist, made quite a showing at the River Side Park last Monday. Reports from Childrens' Day are coming in each mail. A complete report of which will appear in the Herald. It is hoped that every cent of foreign mission money be sent in at once. The Board is anxious to keep the workers in Africa. Encouraging reports come from each of our stations.

A STORM WAS ON THE DEEP

MISS HALLIE Q. BROWN WRITES OF HER VOYAGE ACROSS THE SEA.

As the Vessel Moves out into Mid-Ocean, She Waves at Friends upon the Quay—The Distinguished Passengers on Board.

[Miss Hallie Q. Brown who is traveling in Great Britain writes thus interestingly concerning her trip across the ocean. While many have read such descriptions, the young readers of your valuable paper will doubtless be interested in reading this. Very truly,
FAUSTIN S. DELANY, Wilberforce College,
Wilberforce, O.]

MY DEAR FRIEND—Will write you with my diary notes as data, and thus give you the history of my voyage. We left New York City at 12, noon. As our stately vessel sailed from the pier, we waved to our friends Bishop Derrick, Dr. and Mrs. John Henderson of Brooklyn and Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Johnson of Philadelphia, until they were lost to sight. As the day closed a dull sky lowered over the gray sea, portending the cyclones the daily papers had foretold, and we sought the cheer of the salon.

Tuesday and Wednesday we spent in getting acquainted with our fellow passengers. We had 900 souls on board 40 salon, 100 second cabin, 400 steerage and the crew. We had two captains taking holiday, whose bronzed weather beaten faces gave evidence of the storms they had encountered. There was Mr. G a soldierly looking man in her Majesty's service in India, Mrs. S. and son returning to missionary work in India after two years furlough, Dr. Mary Q. a slender girlish creature from Canada, on her way to Ceylon as a medical missionary. We became good friends ere the voyage was over. Little Dorothy J. whose father is a government official in Jamaica and Baby Cochrane, a sturdy blue-eyed Britain, whose great delight was to battle with the elements while racing the deck, took the writer for their special property and she ramsacked her brain for stories inumerable. The children never grew sea sick, one demanding stories of faries, the other "the fox and the lion and the man who shooted them."

On Thursday the sun rose clear and the air is bracing. Every body is on deck. On either side of the boat great schools of porpoises could be seen, and several whales ventured quite near the ship, sporting with each other and spouting the water as they came to the surface. Then about two o'clock in the afternoon a large iceberg came floating by and remained in sight during the day. The sky was cloudless and the sun's last long rays lit up the wave till it seemed a path of glory. The iceberg seemed to approach the horizon, the sunbeam hovered about it, penetrated it, making its jagged columns gleam and glitter with a roseate golden hue. It seemed like a phantom ship drifting afar on the boundless deep. We hung over the ships railing and watched this fairy vission until it and the sun suddenly dropped out of view; leaving the blue above and the purple crested wave beneath.

When we reached the banks the indications were that we would have worse weather. The two passenger captains consult their glass constantly and looked grave. We watched their countenances. They are our barometers. At this time were greatly frightened Dr. Mary Q. started to take a walk on the deck, was dashed almost the length of the ship and but for a quick sailor who caught her, would have been hurled overboard.

About 3 o'clock Sunday morning I was awakened by hearing the hoarce cries of the sailors, the officers giving commands and the dragging of heavy cordage over the deck. I soon saw that a gale had burst upon us. All had the same experience, the guards were up, but that did not prevent us from being hurled from our berths half dozen times as our various bruises testified. Those who were able crawled to the salon. Dr. Mary Q. came to my state-room, and between the times when not dashed from side to side we read God's word. Never had the gospel seemed so precious; never had our faith been so strong. The words of the 46th Psalm brought peace to our soul and we felt as we sat with clasped hands that we could sink no lower than a Father's loving care, the everlasting arms were beneath us. As the day advanced the the storm increased; fears were entertained for our safety.

The waves seemed like great battalion of soldiery, now they receded to greater strength it seemed, then, marshaling their hopes, rose to an extraordinary height, breaking on an over our vessel with a deafening roar. The huge foaming waves like a seething cauldron formed a spetacle never to be forgotten. Our ship creaked in every timber. She shivered like a living thing and vainly strove to weather the gale. For thirty hours the hurricane raged.

At last the storm subsided and we rejoiced that we were nearing the land. As we neared the dangerous Irish coast the sea had become as calm as a mill pond. As we steamed into Greenock, there were congratulations on all sides and thanks to God, and praises for Capt. Y. and his faithful crew for our saft arrival in Bonnie Aula Scotland once more. One hour's ride brought us into Glasgow where I found letters from friends awaiting me and bidding me welcome back, and asking me to come rest at their homes for a few days. I spent a week at Mount Pleasant gladly, for I was unable to fill several engagements the first week, a most important one at Dundee. Two weeks later found me in that city. At Perth I was entertained at Pitcullen House, the home of Mr. Andrew Coates, of "Coates Thread" fame the last of the famous brothers. Pitcullen is a charmingly located, surrounded by spacious lawns, walk, and drives, fine old trees and hot houses ladened with choice fruits and flowers. It came upon the Duncan lecture course and a magnificent audience greeted me, but I shall describe my tour later on.

Sincerely your friend,
HALLIE Q. BROWN.

Color Line Drawn.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Washington Hesing Colored Social Club opened the campaign Monday night at the South Side Turner Hall. Hon. Washington Hesing was present and spoke on municipal affairs. The Pythian Band gave a concert afterwards in line of the dance that was advertised. It was found that after advertising a ball the South Side Turner Hall could not be used for a dance by colored people, the management refusing to let the hall to colored people for dancing purposes. There is a commotion in political circles on that account that threatens to stampede the Hesing following among the Negroes. The Ninth Battalion will give a musical show at Battery D April 5. The talent will be taken exclusively from the battalion. The "Pirates of Penzance" was given at the Armour Mission for the benefit of the Provident Hospital March 25. Mrs. Gertrude W. Harrison managed the affair. Rev. Dr. Wilmer of Armour Mission is undergoing a difficult surgical operation at Provident Hospital. The I. B. W. Woman's Club is preparing for an Easter entertainment. Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams has returned from her Southern lecture tour. The Democrats of the Town of Lake have placed four colored men on their town ticket for constable. Carter H. Harrison, jr., son of the late Carter H. Harrison, Chicago's Worlds Fair Mayor was nominated by the Democrats for Mayor. The representatives of the colored papers organized a Press Club Monday night. Mrs. Alice Rutledge is on the sick list. Miss Mamie Blanton who has been seriously ill is convalescent.

It is rumored that Mrs. Lulu Blackburn was married last week and has been married for five months. Bethel A. M. E. Church taken up very good collection on the 14th of 106.90. The Mistle Toe Club is now preparing for their Easter party. George Washington Winters who was a janitor in the down town buildings died Feb. 27th in his room, 113 Randolph street. Mr. Winter is 64 years old and is said to have a daughter in Indianapolis. It is rumored that Lulu Nelson and Will Stewart were married last week. Rev. J. F. Page, P. E. of the A. M. E. Zion Church the guest of Mrs. Sarah C. Hamilton left for Kankakee, Ill.

Great Revival.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The great revival at the A. M. E. church is still the only attraction. Eighty-six converts up to Sunday morning and about fifty seekers. Rev. S. R. Reid is to be commended for his efforts to conduct and keep the meeting on a high plane. The quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church was a financial success; $31 was raised. Presiding Elder White of the M. E. church held his quarter here last week. He stopped in at the Teacher's Retreat and gave a most practical and instructive address. Rev. H. E. Harris is on the the sick list. Prof. S. S. Medaris will return home next week. Rumor has it that the gentleman will attend to some matrimonial affairs while here. Geo. Doxey made a very fine wedding cake for a wedding among the white upper tens. He is indeed an artist in his line. Mrs. Callie Hill is taking lessons in fancy work. Some of our leading men have induced the state authorities to reorganize the colored militia of the state. Some years ago they were disarmed. Misses Lucretia Hill, Lula Knott and Mary Crowell are doing nicely in their studies. Prof. J. C. McAdams has been invited to address the State Teacher's Association which meets at Nashville during the Centennial.

Death of a Prominent Citizen.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special

A telegram was received in this city announcing the death of Ross Metcalf, which occurred at Garretsburg, Ky., March 10th. He was the only merchant in that town and had for a number of years conducted a grocery and and dry goods business. Mr. Metcalf was about 45 years of age. Rev. J M. Mitchell, of Hopkinsville, was in the city last week. A colored military company was organized at the court house last week. Hon G. D. Boyd was elected captain. Misses Mary and Belle Metcalf gave a reception in honor of the Golden Ring club at their home on Ford street, on March 11th. Those present were Messrs. A. Farley, G. Ford, R. Suggs, J. Perkins, R. E. Hill, Misses B. Hudson, L. Williams, D. Rears, B. Metcalf, M. Metcalf, E. Wright and E. Metcalf. This club will give a social the first Friday night in April.

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VICTIMS CLAIMED BY DEATH.

Order of Tents' Annual Sermon—Program of St. James Lyceum—The "Deestrict Skule" a Success.

Beakley, Va., Special.

Death is claiming many victims among us at this time. During the past week Charles Press, one of our oldest citizens, died at the ripe age of 80 years. His funeral was preached at the New Hope Christian church on Monday by Rev. W. S. Matthews. Mrs. Lovey Skinner also departed this life. Her funeral was preached at the Sixth Street A. M. E. church on Saturday by Rev. I. L. Buit. The Order of Tents Mt. Zion Lodge No. 52, had their annual sermon preached on the 14th by Rev. W. S. Montreus. Text St. James 8-4: "Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you." Choice music by the choir was rendered and a collection of $7 was taken up. Mrs. Julia Leary acted as Senior Matron. It was their 8th anniversary. Rev. D. L. Cosby, filled the pulpit of the First Baptist church Sunday, the 14th, in the morning, and at the Ninth Street church at night. He left on Monday for Newport News and other places. Richard Felton, who conducts a first class restaurant on Liberty street, is on the sick list. Rev. J. L. Bent will preach his farewell sermon on the first Sunday in April. Let all come out and hear him for he will be at his best on that day. A. J. Turner and John A. Phillips, our two enterprising barbers, keep the only first class shop in the town. The Lyceum of St. James church held its regular meeting Friday night, and the following program was rendered: Singing by Lyceum; prayer by Rev. Garner; solo, Miss Lela Archer; select reading, Miss Clara Archer; address, "The Progress of the Negro since Emancipation," John Smith. Debate as to the right of the recognition of Cuba by the United States, affirmative, Mrs. E. L. Levy and J. S. Spivey; negative, A. E. Robinson and Miles Simmons; judges, Misses Trotman, Shepherd, Messrs. Leary, W. M. Neal and O. T. Hayes. The discussion was decided in favor of the affirmative. The "Deestrict Skule" was a grand success. It was given by Mrs. R. G. L. Paige, of this place. In a few days we shall begin the publication of a series of subjects which will interest all of the inhabitants of Brinkley. So be on the lookout for The Freeman each and every week. The absence of news from this place in the last issue is due to your correspondent having been confined with la grippe.

OBITUARY.

Died, at her residence, 405 Spruce street, Leadville, Col., on March 7th, Mrs. Lucy Sheppard, wife of J. H. Sheppard, in her 39th year. Mrs. Sheppard, though in poor health for some months, had only been confined to her bed three days, and her death was quite a shock to the community. She was a devoted christian and a member of the A. M. E. church. She came to this city about six years ago from Leavenworth, Kan., where she was a member of the Independent Baptist church; was also a member in good standing in the Good Samaritans of that city, and of Ada Court No. 3, of Leadville Mrs. Sheppard was a loving wife, devoted christian, a consistant member, a faithful daughter, a true kinsman and a noble heroine, who had the respect of all who knew her. She was buried from A. M. E. church on the 9th, under the auspices of the Ladies Court, accompanied by Masons, Rev. J. T. Smith, officiating, and delivered an appropriate sermon from St. John 14 27. The choir rendered some beautiful selections of her favorite songs The church was crowded and the remains were followed to Evergreen cemetery by a host of friends. She leaves a husband, a niece, a church, a court and a host of friends to mourn her death, but our loss is her gain.

Dearest sister, thou has left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God that has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
The in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no parting tear is shed.

Hypnotism Taught By Mail.

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A Modern Way To Stop a Cough As Tried by a Prominent Iowa Minister.

In a recent letter he says: "Many winters have I coughed all winter long. Twice have I been compelled to rest from my ministerial duties, for a period of several years. When I took cold in winter the coughing would be intense. Last fall I took cold about the 15th of October, and was sick with it for about a week and began what I supposed was a winter of coughing. My wife called my attention to Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, and after much persuasion on her part, and a free expression (of a not flattering character) about patent medicines, on my part. I concluded to try the Lung Balm. I felt at once that it touched a place in my malady that nothing else had ever done. I began to improve. I used about 5 boxes and can now preach without coughing. I keep it by me and if I take cold I use it. If I have a bronchial irritation after preaching I take Dr. Kay's Lung Balm. I can cheerfully say that the Lung Balm has been a great help to me. It has no bad effect upon the stomach. Respectfully yours, J. D. De Tar, Pastor M. E. Church, Spring Hill, Iowa, Des Moines Conference." Sold by H. C. Pomeroy opp. post office.

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WILBERFORCE STREET,
FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE, W. C. A.
February 8th, 1897.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Dear Mr. Editor—Sometime in November last we petitioned the Bishop's Council of the A. M. E. Church respecting the missionary work out here, and as an act of courtesy forwarded a copy of said petition to the President of the Council, Bishop H. M. Turner, who before the setting of the Bishop's Council sent a reply.

We forward you enclosed copy of the petition, and of the covering letters to the President of the Council and the secretary. Bishop B. W. Arnett, as well as Bishop Turner's reply to same, which we earnestly and respectfully request you to publish in The Freeman as early as may be convenient. We are anxiously awaiting the reply from the Bishop's Council. With kind regards,

We remain yours sincerely,
J. E. D. GREEN, J. M. JOHNSON,
J. C. WILLIAMS, I. E. CAMPBELL,
C. A. JOHNSON, G. T. PARKER,
J. E. H. ELLIOTT,
Official members Lion A. M. E. Church.

FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE,
November 10, 1896.
RT. REV. H. M. TURNER, D. D. LL. D.

Rev. Father in God, I am directed by the members of Lion A, M. E. Church, Sierra Leone to forward you copy of a petition to the Bishop's Council which has been sent through the secretary. I remain for official members,

J. E. H. ELLIOTT,
Hon. Secretary Board of Stewards.

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, W. C. A.
November 10, 1896.
RT. REV. B. W. ARNETT,
HON. SEC'Y BISHOP'S COUNCIL,
A. M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Father-in God, I have the honor to forward you the enclosed petition to the Bishop's Council from the members of Lion A. M. E. Church, Sierra Leone, which please present as early as possible. With due regards Rev. Father-in-God. Your humble serv't,

J. E H. ELLIOTT,
Sec'y Board of Stewards.

WILBERFORCE STREET,
FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, W. C. A.
November 9, 1896.
To the Bishops of the A. M. E. C'h in Council.

REV. FATHERS IN GOD:—We deem it our duty as members of the church of Christ, to lay before you certain facts which do not tend toward the prosperity of the missionary work in Africa. Before we allege in detail the statements we are about to utter, we humbly and respectfully solicit your earnest, wise and christian consideration, for we are petitioning you not only as the authority of our church of which we feel proud, but also as fellow-christians and brothers of the same race united by inseparable ties, and possessing in common deep interest in the welfare of our race.

Since our church Lion was transferred to the A. M. E. connection, we have done everything possible to hold up the hands of the ministers sent out to take charge of the church; but of late there seems to have arisen a general spirit of determination to see the work ruined. This conclusion we have arrived at by hard and bitter experience.

By some circumstance or other the late Rev. A. L. Ridgel was obliged to cast his lot among us by way of assisting Presiding Elder Rev. J. R. Frederick, the then pastor, and were Elder Ridgel living to-day he could not conscientiously deny that we did endeavor as best as we could to support himself and wife, which responsibility we undertook without any particle of assistance from the Missionary Board. Nevertheless, Elder Ridgel on his taking up residence in Monrovia, ungratefully and unchristianly maligned our church, occasioning a wrong conception in the United States of America, of the true state of matters to the detriment of the work.

After testing the capabilities of our late newly appointed pastor Rev. L. C. Curtis, we were struck with amazement that the Missionary board could ever have given sanction to Elder Curtis' appointment to so important a charge as Lion, without knowing his qualifications. It was an alarming surprise that Elder Curtis could not so much as perform the rites of the church, although all were done as per discipline of the church. This subjected the church to public ridicule, and led people to think that the A. M. E church communion is farcial in its constitution, by sending such incompetent and unworthy men as ministers of the gospel.

Our surprise was to a great extent all the more accelerated, knowing that all the arrangements of Elder Curtis' appointment were wholly and solely done by Bishop Turner, who had been out here several times, and ought to have known the state and condition of affairs in the colony. This deliberate action on his part, loudly called forth expressions of disgust and dissatisfaction, as also the case of Rev. L. G. Davis, who was transferred to this conference last year, exemplifies on the streets of Freetown to-day, the thoughtless and irrational step which has been repeated in Elder Curtis' case. All these indiscriminate appointments we are sorry to say are harmful and will be both damaging and disgraceful to the whole A. M. E. connection.

We are of the opinion that intelligent, energetic and experienced ministers should be sent to build up the work, if there is any desire to see progress made We therefore, petition you in the interest of the church, and are fully assured you will not suffer our solicitation to pass unnoticed, as in the matter of the church property, which has already occasioned universal dissatisfaction.

We would earnestly request that the past and present arrangements of the Misssionary board with regard to the work in Sierra Leone be enquired into and the much needed remedy be applied to its modus operandi.

That the Missionary board be made to thoroughly ascertain the qualifications of every missionary appointed to the West African Work, apart from zeal and enthusiasm for the work, including adminstrative ability and all the necessaries that go to make a successful minister. And furthermore, that a special inquiry be always made into the character and disposition of the ministers. Elect for example, Rev. A. L. Ridgel was an intelligent man and an excellent preacher, but he was a bigamist, contrary to the principles of the christian religion. And you cannot imagine the sensation and profound excitement it created when it became known. Consequent on this, all confidence was lost in him.

Again, Rev. L. G. Davis, after having completely shattered the work at the Gospel Banner Mission through inexperience and incapability, has established a station at Clire Town, but so often frequents the public saloons of the city that he has become both a disreputable minister of the gospel, and a byword of ridicule in the community.

These two glaring instances we humbly hope will arrest your attention to the remedying of affairs without delay. Resting assured that you will give this, our petition, your earliest possible deliberation, we remain your loyal and humble servants in Christ,

J. E. D. GREEN, J. C. WILLIAMS
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J. E. Domings Green, J. C. Williams, I. E. Campbell, J. F. Gerber, G. T. Parker, James U. Johnson, C. A. Johnson, Peter T. Johnson, Joseph E. Horton Elliott, Official Officers Lion A. M. E. Church:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Upon my arrival home a few days ago I found your letter of Nov. 9, 1896, directed as I supposed to the House of Bishops for some purpose best known to ourselves, and especially to those who inpirsed its composition. for I am not ignorant of its purpose and intent. Your letter presents a series of complaints and allegations which will do you no good should I present it to the House of Bishops.

First, the charge, or rather the statement that Rev. L. C. Curtis is illiterate is simply ridiculous, a man who graduated from Howard University, one of the first colleges of this country. Bro. Curtis may have been unfamiliar with the Wesleyan Prayer Book service, as every minister and Bishop in the United States would naturally be, for we do not observe it in this country as it is observed in England and the English Colonies. You may have discovered that I never attempt to go through with it when I am in Sierra Leone. Nor will you find any Bishop who would assume the responsibility of doing so at once, but I am aware that Bro. Curtis was in the way and it was necessary to find some fault as the Christian character he left in this country is spotless.

You say that Rev. A. L. Ridgel was a bigamist. I hope God will forgive you for this untruthful and unchristian charge that you bring against that young heroic man. If Ridgel was a bigamist because he left a wife that he caught three different men in bed with, cohabitating with her, then you have them in Africa, Europe and America without numbers. Moreover, while you were listening at the slanders piled upon Ridgel because he was working in the interest of Africa, you should have listened to the voice of his vindication. For the South Arkansas Conference, from which state Ridgel went to Africa, consisting of ninety-two honorable ministers of the gospel unanimously vindicated Bro. Ridgel and declared him justifiable in leaving a base woman and marrying the second time if he desired. And when you call Ridgel a bigamist you call all of these ministers also. You could not have been ignorant of this action, for it was published in the Voice of Missions, and bundles of them sent to Freetown, and after published for charges against Elder Ridgel and tried him before the Liberia conference, that conference vindicated him the second time. If I were you I would be afraid that God would curse the tongue in my head when I employed it to call a man like Ridgel a bigamist. It shows that you are actuated with a bias spirit, as some of the men of this country have been, because he was destined to outshine them in ages to come. But after all I know where it all comes from; you are simply the medium of another party.

As for Bro. Davis, that you present such grievious complaint about, I have only to say Bishop Lee gave him his transfer to Africa, and I am sure he left no disgrace behind. I can not say what he has done in Freetown. He may have been loitering around barrooms and drinking whiskey, but I know you misrepresent the truth when you say he has completely shattered the work at the Gospel Banner Mission at China Town for he never was allowed to exercise any pastorial jurisdiction over it. I know all about his connection with the Gospel Banner Mission and you misrepresent the facts in toto. But it is useless to waste time in writing many things that I could write for I see while you are there in Freetown, you do not know the actual condition of affairs. I have ordered Rev. J. R. Frederick to take the pastorial charge of Lion A. M. E. Church, and another minister I mean Rev. S. G. Snelson, A. M., has been sent there as Presiding Elder of the Sierra Leone Conference, and he will take charge or supervision of all our work there and will now see what the future will develope.

And now in conclusion let me say I hope this everlasting-fault-finding with every body who go there from America will cease. It appears that no person from this country is acceptable in Freetown. You find fault with Ridgel with Davis, with Dr. Heard and with me, the Bishop of the work and the President of the Missionary Society, now a man will be in charge, in the person of Elder Snelson, beloved and respected in this country and I shall await to hear that you are in a battle with him I shall write no more at present. This does not by any means express the tenth part I could, but it is all I can say to brethren of your ecclesiastic rank.

Fraternally,
Signed H. M. TURNER.

RACE GLEANINGS.

J. J. Bamfield is a candidate for Postmaster of Beaufort, S. C.

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An agricultural department is to be added to Howard University.

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A colored company has been organized in Ft Worth, Tex., to operate the water-works of the city.

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Mrs. Barber of Philadelphia has endowed an industrial school for colored girls. It will be situated near Chicago, and will be controlled by Presbyterians.

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Governor Bradley of Kentucky is considering the advisability of convening the Legislature in extra session, to enact laws that will fit the frequent lynching parties.

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Mr. F. R. Steward an Afro American of Montana who is a student at Harvard, has been elected president of the Forum, the second Debating Club of Harvard. He was one of the debators on the last year Yale and Harvard Debate.

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The Keokuk Medical College closed its session of 96-97 on Tuesday March the 8th. C. D. Martin the only colored student in attendance has been quite studious during the entire term, and if he continues faithful, we can speak much of him as a physician.

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One of the largest and finest public school buildings in Washington, D. C., has been named in honor of Bishop D. A. Payne, by the school trustees of the District of Columbia. There will be a formal dedication of the building the last of May, at which time the portraits of the A. M. E. Bishops and General Officers will be presented.

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Willis Warren, whose death in Georgia is announced, was regarded as the most influential Negro preacher in the South. He was pastor of three churches, with an aggregate membership of 10,000. His power through religious zeal was almost unlimited, and he was known far and wide as "Pappy Willis." He is said to have had several thousand dollars in cash, besides a great deal of personality and the title to the church property. He appointed his own successors to the church pulpits he left vacant.

Literary Society.

Camden, Ark., Special.

St. James A. M. E. Literary Society met at St. James church March 10 with President G. T. Laster presiding. "Resolved, That Discovery is and has been more benefit to the land and country than Invention;" affirmative, E. T. J. Brewer and G. W. Stone; negative, G. T. Laster and Rev. Hudson. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. Cal Sea, an old citizen of this city died the 13th. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and friends. A surprise marriage occurred the 13th, that of Prof. W. M. Atkinson of Fordyce to Miss Amy Goslin of Little Rock. Rev. Crawford who was recently called to Shiloh Baptist church, officiated.

EDITOR JONES SENTENCED.

Mass Meeting Held—Mrs. Thurman's Evangelistic Work—Farmer's Conference—Freeman Admirers.

Houston, Tex., Special.

Sunday morning, March 14, Houston and Galveston were stirred up on account of Will Jones, Editor of the Galveston Times, being sentenced to the county jail for twelve months for publishing and replying to an article in a Bryan paper (white) concerning the Bryan lynching. The colored people had a mass meeting Saturday last concerning the Lewis Williams case. The case will go before the Courts of Repeal. It is believed that it is some rich white man's job, the murder of Capt. I. B. Baker, and not a poor colored man. Houston has been blessed with the presence of Mrs. Lucy Thurman, the noted temperance lecturer of America. Mrs. Thurman is from Chicago, Ill. She organized a Christian Temperance Union at Antioch Baptist church. Mrs. P. A. Lights was elected president, and a vice president from each church in the city was elected. Mrs. Lights will have a very large body to preside over, but we are confident that she will be equal to the occasion. Mrs. Thurman's educational lecture at the Academy was excellent. Dr. Lampkins of the white Baptist church made an able talk concerning her work. Dr. Lights and J. W. Watson were also present. The colored of this city are not by any means devoted to race enterprise. They must be educated along this line. True race pride must start in the cradle and end in the school room and the pulpit. Rev. G. A. Thomas of Lake Providence, La., is in the city stopping at Mrs. C. L. Toran's. He speaks highly of The Freeman, and said he would do what he could for the paper along his route. Rev. A. B. Young, D. D., of Palestine, was in the city recently. He had been attending the District Conference at Galveston. We were glad to meet him, and he said he would help us out in his city. Hon. R. Gleed and other business men who are interested in the success of the farmers will call a state Farmer's Conference in this city soon. The Woman's Christain Temperance Union met Friday at Antioch. One thousand women were in attendance. Reports of the W. C. T. U. will be published each week if they patronize The Freeman.

A local reporter is wanted at each church in this city to report church work. It is hoped church members will subscribe for the paper. Dr. J. E. Dibble paid a social call at Thompson. Hon R. Gleed went to Thompson a few days ago to see his sick daughter. Wanted—A wife: Some money and a good home. Address 911 Andrews street. The branch office sent complimentary copies of The Freeman to Bethel Baptist and Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Sunday schools. Your correspondent was made to feel happy last Saturday night, when four charming young ladies gave the branch office a call. They were Misses H. M. Cruse, Mary H. Mason of Hearkly, A. E. and L. A. Bunney. Rev. G. A. Thomas of Lake Providence, La., is a single divine and is getting in good work on Baptist Hill. The Freeman is fast gaining circulation here. Read what able men say about it: Rev. F. L. Lights, D. D.: "The Freeman is the best Negro paper in the United States." Rev. D. J. Hull, A. M. D. D.: "We can't do without it. It is a credit to the race, I have read a great deal of the race papers, and The Freeman leads;" Rev. G. A. Thomas: "The Freeman is the best Negro paper in the world, and it ought to be put into every Negro home;" Rev. Wm. Freeman: "The Indianapolis Freeman is the only National Negro newspaper in the United States. The colored people should take it and learn something about the race from a national standpoint;" Rev. E. H. Branch: "The colored people ought to read colored papers; if they want the best, read The Freeman;" Dr. S. M. Lyons: "What puts The Freeman ahead of all other race journals is its contributions; it has the best writers in the country; the brains of the world point toward The Indianapolis Freeman;" J. W. Cancel: "It is the best colored paper I have seen; it is an educational journal; I can't do without it;" Ex-State Senator R. Gleed of Miss.: "It is the best Negro paper in the United States; it must go in every colored home in Houston; I will help you."

A Cake Eating Contest.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

J. D. Thompson of Baldwyn, Miss., is in Dyersburg visiting Mr. Sam Smith and also seeking a location in Dyer County. Last Wednesday the citizens was entertained by a cake eating contest between two boys, West Moore and Ellick Cole. West Moore gained the prize. The Rev. A. J. Montgomery departed this life on the 14th. Mr. Jno. Campbell of Columbus, Ky., is visiting his children whom he has not seen in thirty-six years. Mrs. Kate Williams is on the sick list. Rev. J. B. Collier filled the pulpit Sunday at 11:30 pastor of the C. M. E. Church. and Rev. Massie of Memphis preached at night at Fairview Chapel. The dear old Freeman is spreading her broad wings all over the country. You can get The Freeman from L. J. Barnds and Henry Barnett.

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THE NEGRO AND REPUBLICANISM.

The World, of this city, a Democratic Negro paper, one of the few sheets whether Negro or otherwise that had the temerity to support Bryan and Free Silver, is very much disturbed as to the future of the Negro and the Republican party. There is no information given when it is said, that in all this there is but a studious attempt to forward the cause of "division" so assidiously championed by this zealous convert to Democracy. To espouse Democracy in its most enchanting guise by the Negroes, is a business quite as serious to them as their religion. It will take questions for more ruinous in aspect than the current ones to divorce them from a party to which they owe their individual and political status, be it little or much. When individuals, many of whom think they have grievances, honest minded individuals, sum up the situation, they must conclude that the races are seg re gations yet and will be, perforce of circumstances, for some time to come. There are questions along social lines that political tinkering does more harm than good. To ring in a party to help out a question that borders on sociality is of doubtful wisdom, when a full knowledge of a situation is possible. It is not political acumen nor foresight to so pitch affairs that friends and enemies alike must resort to deceit in order to make a showing, and amid it all, see the object of contention die by strangulation. "Everything comes to those who wait and work," is the saving philosophy of the hour for the race. The times are not out of joint as the World would infer. But the age of paternatism and worsdhip is on the wane. The Negro will grow out of his past by the due process of evolution, which is right and proper. The forcing of issues and ideas are not consonant with evolution. What is given should be more than half given or it is not given at all, in spirit. Such a gift can be of little consequence to the donor or the recipient. Such is the position of privileges extorted by sheer force or intimidation, A privilege gained at any sacrifice is not a privilege gained in spirit, and it will not be enjoyed in peace until time ripens sentiment for the same. There are questions that are not subject for political manipulation that are daily adjusting themselves. These questions should be left to fructify according to their bent in a country where all are not created free and equal; proven by the expense of hundreds of thousands of lives and millions of money. Black laws, white laws, special laws will in the course of time be erased from the statute books of all the states. But there is going to be no particular hurry. The Negro is being put on his merit. Not the very few, but the many. Philanthropical hearts are growing harder and perhaps more sensible in the growth. The edict has gone forth. Perhaps it is not sang from the house top, but worthiness is to be a very conspicuous figure in coming affairs. Respect, competency, worth, wealth, morality and ambition must be added to education, if the future Negro passes current. These attributes will be more formidable than political bulls are party machinery to elevate into respect. A symetrically developed nation is the shibboleth, not on peculiar lines, but on all lines. The mass should be quickened into the newer and higher ideas of life. It is the layman the plain people that must be brought forward—all must become priests in order to be a factor satisfactory to the general nation.

COUNCIL'S DEDICATORY ADDRESS.

Prof. W. H. Council, in his very beautiful speech at the corner stone laying of the Negro building in Nashville, Tenn., said:

> No people can rise in the world and maintain creditable standing alone with the saw, the hammer and the plane, as cooks, washerwomen and nurses, as farmers, bootblacks, hotel boys and barbers. These are necessary, but there must be strong intellectual giants in the pulpit, at the bar, in the school room, in medicine—as scientists, linguists, artists, inventors—in order that any people may be accorded a creditable standing in the society of races. Whatever any other people need the Negro needs. We want the Negro to have higher industrial education. He must be taught to smelt iron ore, build locomotives, ships, telescopes, microscopes, steam engines of every class, all kinds of mechanical engineering, farming machinery and appliances, and do all work in glass, brass, gold and silver. This kind of high industrial education is the only kind that he needs now and is essential to his salvation. This kind of industrial education is the only kind that can give a people permanent strength. Teach the Negro boy the sacredness of human life. Teach obedience to law, obedience to legally constituted authority, which alone can give protection to life and property and security to society. Teach him that the human mind can find no loftier ideal than that of the triumph of right through the supremacy of law—that no one can be an ideal man who violates the humblest law of the land. Teach him that men and races grew from within; that man grows by expansion from within and not by accretion; that congressional enactments cannot make us a race. The race must make itself.

The apostle Washington himself has never succeeded in putting this subject more clearly and more decisively before the people. It will tax human ingenuity to compress more logic and common sense in the given space than Prof. Council has done. It is no clap trappism that satisfies Southern sentiment as many of the bekidded gentry maintain. The tenets above enunciated are as essential as the articles of faith for the future race.

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The race must be lifted above the lynching plane. We believe that it is yearly growing better in this respect. But these lynchings must not continue unnoticed. Many claim that to agitate against the mob system serves only to stimulate it, which of course is a very poor doctrine. If advocating the proper use of courts as against mobs, stirs up strife, the quicker it is all stirred up the better, for then ensues a chance for settlement. The Negroes that hold their own sides intact—far away from the ghastly scenes wrapped in security and importance (?) are guilty very often of turning their noses up at these blood-curdling stories, claiming that it is better were they untold. "I am not my brother's keeper," says Abel, but He who notes the sparrow when it falleth, has no such inflated notions.

Mr. Henry Clay Weeden, of Louisville, Ky., is the author of a very interesting little volume, "Colored People of Louisville." It is statistical and encyclopaedic in character in matters that relate solely to the colored people. All of the prominent institutions, and the professional men and women of that city share space in the unique compilation. Mr. Weeden is a newspaper man of experience. His ingenuity is displayed in the tasteful arrangement of his publication.

The Allen Endeavor Visitor is a very attractive publication recently issued by the A. M. E. Church Book Concern, Philadelphia, Pa. It will be a welcome visitor to thousands of homes throughout the country as the children's friend. It has a field and should succeed.

THE HOPE OF THE RACE.

Col. W. A. Pledger, of Georgia, gives some valuable advice in the Colored American of last week. He concludes, as all sensible men are concluding, that commercial enterprises are the hope of the race. Says he:

> Let us look more closely to the erection of commercial enterprises wherein our people can find employment. It offers one of the best means of solving a problem which has been volubly commented on, but which has been entered into with diffidence and a lack of intelligent forethought. That race will establish for itself an enviable name that entrenches itself in morality, wealth and valor. When the day comes that the trained head and trained hand meet in friendly consultation and adopt ways and means for establishing workshops, cotton factories, shoe factories, banks, at the same time extending our agricultural interests; when the hum of the spindle, the sound of the hammer, the music of the gin burst on our hearing; when earnings can be viewed in stocks and bonds and in railroads; when all of these, backed by a good system of common schools as well as of institutions of higher education, are added to our acquisitions, then we shall need no press or members of any other race to tell us what is good for us, or who among us is best fitted to direct our affairs along certain lines.

That is seizing the bull by the horns. The cry of pessimism when unvarnished trues are proclaimed is a deception and a snare. Pessimism is always the other man's ism; very much like heteredoxy. The thousands, the vast armies of untutored, unenlightened Negroes need good wholesome sane advice on these lines, that do not set them to chasing fleeting phantoms. The workshops and the farms must be treated with more consideration by the leaders in order that they may not become detestable in the sight of the oncoming race. Higher education is not despised nor mistreated, but if it cultivates idle hands and mischievous brains, then the system is at fault. Three decades of freedom is time sufficient to gain a point of observation at least. Old delusions should be dispelled and "unhugged." Let the race serve the race by mapping out the race's career. It is true, the process of evolution is going on and will eventuate in good results. But countless years must be told in the natural process. Mr. Pledger but says again what The Freeman has long contended for:

> Let every community start some enterprise wherein a goodly number of the race can find employment. Let the word go forth we will depend no longer on other races to open the avenues of industry and trade to us, but that we shall, with avidity seek to establish these enterprises for ourselves. The praise of all nations will be ours if we stand in the full glare of the noonday of enterprise and mearure arms with them all. The plaudits of a wandering world will come to our ears when we find in ourselves our own best helpers. Prejudice will banish as the small cloud disappears before the fierce heat of the sun and our path shall be strewn with as many roses as is that of our brother in white. Already, in some cities of the South, buildings for manufacturing purposes, are being planned by Negroes. Let the word be contagious, and let the northern and southern Negro, enter into active, and friendly rivalry, to see which can outstrip the other in material advancement. Then indeed shall come that season of prosperity, that era of good feeling, that long hoped-for day of rejoicing, that shall mark our triumphant entry into the full ranks of respected and honored citizenship.

Mr. Pledger is eminently correct. As we have said elsewhere, the minds of the other races are made up, that the Negroes must save themselves. They feel that if education unfits one for manual labor, then that one is unfit for education. An education that works in an inverse ratio for blacks in contradistinction to the whites is a hopeless vehicle for arriving at the American idea of a people.

Notice of expiration of subscribers, whose time expires with this issue, have been sent out. Do not put it off, but send in your renewal at once.

Rev. J. W. Carr, pastor of the Second Baptist church of this city, is the Indiana editor of the Christian Banner, an organ of the Baptist church. He has a good word to say for E. C. Morris, D. D., of Helena, Ark., for Recordea of Deeds. Rev. Carr feels that the eyes of 1,600,000 Baptists would sparkle with joy in event Dr. Morris is honored. The Christian Banner is published in Philadelphia.

What shall the harvest be?

The grand old Freeman, is the way we are dubbed.

The cynosure of all eyes—The Recordership of Washington, D. C.

Hon. B. K. Bruce is an able man. He is acceptable to the masses. The question is: What can Mr. McKinley bestow on him that is commensurate with his former positions?

President McKinley could not appoint Bishop Arnett's son if he wished to.—The Bee.

What's holden im?

You may now add the name of Prof. Richard T. Greener, of New York, to the rapidly swelling list of names for the Recordership of Washington, D. C.

The Washington Bee is grooming a new district man, Mr. M. M. Holland, for the much coveted prize. Why don't you speak for yourself, Calvin.

Briseis may go to the camp of Aggamemnon or Chilles as she may elect, but depend on it the tranquility of the empire will remain unimpaired.—To the Indianapolis World.

The financial movement in favor of John Brown's daughter is becoming widespread. The sentiment that actuates all this is noble and should be encouraged. Brown may have committed treason, but his heart was in the right place. Treason that is the forerunner of such results as followed him, is pardonable in the minds of men, no matter what the cold letter of the law may decree.

It is very likely that the existence of such a character as Jackson will heighten Zola's chances of election to the French institution for the elect. Zola has been denied admittance repeatedly owing presumably, to his over drawn tales of vice and criminality. It is suggested that Mr. Jackson, of Pearl Bryan fame, is a character worthy of treatment. The story needs but a master hand to have it stand luridly alone—without competition.

Mr. John E. Bruce (Bruce Grit) is responsible for a new journal recently launced at Albany, N. Y. Mr. Bruce as literary editor, is in his sphere. The first issue is devoted to the movement that seeks to render financial assistance to John Brown's daughter, who is said to be in indigent circumstances. The new venture has an auspicious beginning, which, under the management of the very efficient gentlemen, bids fair to keep in the front ranks. The Albany Capital, its name, is a monthly.

The florist and seed dealers are trying to convince Congress that the free distribution of seed is an invasion of their field. We cannot see just what good can follow the indiscriminate distribution of seeds or a systematical distribution for that matter. We are inclined to believe that it smacks too much of paternalism. Seed men have a right to exist, and governmental opposition ought to be out of the question. A gift of seed as a gift with such ruinous result to dealers is on the whole an injury.

President McKinley shown indomitable courage and will power. When an attempt was made to down his cry for more revenue by higher and more general duties, he could not be silenced. The wisdom of his course is now very apparent. Friends and foes are giving him his own sweet way about matters, hoping that he will bring a much needed relief. Tariff is now the issue. When Mr. McKinley gets through taxing foreign commodities, there will be the long promised prosperity, and the farmer, business man and all will go their way oblivious of the much mooted money question.

INDIANA APPOINTMENTS.

The Freeman takes pleasure in complimenting President McKinley upon his two Indiana appointments, Capt. Jno. K. Gowdy as Consul General to Paris, and Col. Perry S. Heath as First Assistant Postmaster General. No person in the last campaign worked harder for McKinley's election than Capt. Gowdy, and his reward is commensurate with his work. As to Col. Heath, all are well acquainted with his work, which was of a national character. The appointment of Mr. A. W. Wishard as District Attorney, and Mr. Samuel E. Kercheval as District Marshall, are also deserving of notice as being loyal and appreciative.

The Freeman Compositors.

The Freeman is one of the greatest National Negro journals published in this country. It has a force of Negro workers in composition of the typical art and masterly intelligence, not to Indianapolis alone, but the race throughout the inhabitable land. The composing rooms in showing the executives of their different positions, are in brief as follows: George G. Simmons, foreman and master of the artistical composure of the paper; J. Harry Jackson, foreman of the job department, although he, as a rule, desires his name always published in bold, black letter, he is not a prince of the Vey tribe nor a member of the Hottentot family, but is evident a printer; Willis Q. Mallory, the "money shark," would be a great catch for some bluegrass belle of Kentucky, and The Freeman would do itself honor by usurping that agency; A. Myrtle Harris, the "(H)arperitese" or (interpretation) "go-when-i-please ofthentime" She is an exceptionally good entertainer and a pleasant and pleasing young lady. She is an expert typo. Last, but not least, Miss Ermine Watkins, of 185 Columbia avenue—of course every newspaper worthy knows the position she holds, as she was the last to enter the office as an apprentice. She is very studious and always found at her post as a "Cassa." She is quite a conversationalist and well disposed on literary subjects.—D. D. Hunter in The (Louisville, Ky.) Informer.

Killed While Entering a House.

Houston, Tex., Special.

A white man named Hughes was killed last week at the residence of Mr. Frank Dun's while attempting to enter the house for the purpose of stealing Dun's little girl in order to receive a reward.

The dead man was identified and the officers who at once went to his house found preparations had been made to take care of the child until the reward was issued. His wife was arrested and placed in jail. It is thought by some, that white men were hired to kill Capt. I. B. Baker. Mr. Robert Edwards entertained The Freeman correspondent at his residence on Buckner street. Mr. Edwards takes great interest in The Freeman. He is well to do and has valuable real estate in this city. Mr. Edwards will soon take a trip to San Antonia. Some of the leading hotel men will help the paper, The city of Houston may feel proud of her hotel men. They are up-to-date. Mr. Damis is a hotel man and a polished gentleman. He is respected by all who know him. Messrs. R. Banks, R. C. Deckard, C. Banks and T. S. Jenkens are also among those who have made a record in the social circle. Mr. Spiller keeps a meat market at 917 San Filipe street, call and help your color. Mr. Geo. Gramtham has opened his ice cream parlor at 1019 San Filipe street. The young people will do well to call. Ask for The Freeman there. A special write up given the churches or societies weekly, if the pastors and officers will give some patronage, address E. C. Branch, general agent and manager, 919 San Filipe street, Houston. Mrs. R. Jones died Friday the 19th at her home corner Jefferson and Lafayette streets. The Jones family is among the best people in the city, and they are well to do. Mrs. Jones was the wife of Mr. Robert Jones, the well known contractor and and builder, and the mother of Will L. Jones, editor of the Galveston Times.—Additional Houston news on page three.

Church Notes of Interest.

Marion, Ind., Special.

The second quarterly meeting for this conference year has passed. Presiding elder C. C. Townsend was present and preached two able and instructive sermons to the delight of large and appreciative audiences. More than forty new members were received into the church who were converted during the recent revival. A large number communed and greater enthusiasm prevailed than at any time in the memory of the oldest members. Spiritually and financially the church is progressing. Rev. Townsend is very popular among all classes here. He draws from all quarters.

The young convert's reception to the older members and friends of the church was a grand spritual, intellectual and financial success. Rev. D. A. Graham, of Bethel Church, Indianapolis, delivered a very practical and instructive address to the members which was highly appreciated. Rev. Graham won the hearts of the people of Marion a year ago, by his able address on: "Lessons from the Life of Frederick Douglass. Prof. J. W. Burden whose school has just closed, has been called to help out the City Treasury department with its work, as assistant clerk. Presiding Elder H. H Thompson was here on the occasion of the young people's reception, he sang and spoke to the delight of all present. Miss Irene Stewart died Tuesday evening, March 16, in triumph and perfect peace. Miss Irene had been sick about six months, and was cheerful, resigned and good tempered always. She was only 17 yrs of age. The following program was rendered Sunday evening, March 21. Chorus by the choir; Prayer by Rev. H. Young; Solo by Miss Dorsia Gulliford; Essay, "Bishop Allen," Miss Sara Harriss; Essay: "Benefits derived from lives of Good Men," Miss Julius; Solo by Miss Gulliford; Essay: "Influence of great Church men." Robert Julius; Essay: "Outlook of the race," Miss B. Cannon; Essay, "Bishop Brown" Mrs K. Winslow; Solo by Miss Sadie Nichols; Essay, "Mission of the A. M E. Church." Miss Nichols; Solo, by Mrs. K. Winslow; Doxology by the choir.

The C H. & D. Ry., have been granted permission by the Central Passenger Committee to sell excursion tickets to Detroit, Mich., to members of the National Association of Stove Manufacturs, May 11th. to 15th, also to Cleveland and return, on account of the Ohio State Medical Association.

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THE ARMY OF THE ANXIOUS.

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C. Dancy, Congressman Murray, Dr. I. B. Scott, E. D. Bassett, Dr. Livingston, Ex-Senator Allain, J. Madison Vance and others. Ex-Senator Bruce was conspicuous upon the platform. President L. M. Henshaw, a Georgian, did the honors gracefully.

Without making invidious comparisons, it must be said that the delegations from Indiana and Ohio held their own and perhaps went a notch or two better, during the inaugural festivities. The ladies were handsome and and fashionable, and the gentlemen were gallant and strictly up-to-date.

J. C. Napier, of Tennessee, is the newest entry in the race for Register of the Treasury. Mr. Napier is the son-in-law of Hon. John M. Langston and a leading lawyer of Nashville.

And still scarcely a colored man seems to want the Recordership of the General Land Office. Is it possible that one term of white incumbent takes this place out of the catagory available Negro appointments, or is it generally confused with Recorder of Deeds?

Wayland Seminary is to be removed to Richmond, Va.

When the President gets around to Indiana, he will find the name of the Hon. George L. Knox at the head of the eligible list.

Steps are being taken to place the office of Recorder of Deeds under the civil service law.

R. W. Thompson, March 20, 1897.

Meridian Locals.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Dr. H. W. Bowens, State Missionary for Mississippi, will be in this city Sunday March 28. He will lecture to the Sabbath school and preach at New Hope Baptist church at 3 and 7:45 p. m. Mrs. Nancy Moore fell at her home and bruised her face very badly. Rev. W. H. Jermain left on the 16th for Jackson to attend college. The revival at St. Paul church, after a successful series, closed the 24th. Rev. C. L. Harris, who attended the Congregational Association at Taladega, Ala., returned on the 20th L. W. Watson left on the 16th to visit Jackson and Yazoo City. Rev. May filled the pulpit at New Hope Baptist church Sunday at 3 p. m. Mrs. Genevie Washington of Raleigh, lectured at New Hope Baptist church on the 17th, Mrs. Washington is blind. Her subject was, "I must make a mark." Prof. O. C. Garrett led the Christian Endeavor Society last Sunday night. Topic, "Temperance." Rev. C. L. Harris made a short talk. I. W. Longstreet is building a five-room cottage on Twenty-sixth avenue. Henry Hubbert, jr., a typo of the Southern Watchman of Mobile, Ala., was a visitor in the city last Sunday. Miss Addie Carter, also a typo of the Baptist Trumpet at Enterprise, spent the latter part of the week here. L. A. Alston, a carpenter, while working on a scaffold fell ahd was badly hurt. A. D. Washington spent Saturday with his parents and returned to Shubuta last Sunday evening. Rev. J. C. Campbell, formerly pastor of St. Paul M. E. church, but now of Enterprise, has been ill in Meridian the past week. Bob Marsh has returned to the city. Mother's meeting will be held at Zion M. E. church tomorrow at 2 p. m., led by Mrs. R. Logan. Mr. Henry Rowe visited here recently. Undertaker I. C. Parish has moved on Twenty-sixth avenue. Miss Alice Snowton's residence is nearing completion on Twenty-sixth avenue. J. W. Smith of Macon has returned home. Prof. P. D. Jones who has been teaching school at Florida has returned to the city.

GRAND OPERA AT CINCINNATI.

The Week Comencing March 29th will Be a Gala Week in the "Queen City."

In addition to the Cincinnatians who will turn out in full force there will be a great number of society people from all parts of the state, as this is one of the rare opportunities which occur for enjoying Grand Opera, under the same conditions as our 5th Avenue friends in New York, by the same company and at a much lower cost. There will be the full chorus, ballet, scenery, properties, etc, and the entire Chicago Orchestra, comprising 65 musicians, the entire company numbering 275 artists. Performances begin each evening at 8 o'clock, at Music Hall.

Monday evening, Madam Calve, will be the leading attraction in Bizet's Opera, "Carmen." This is the Madam's first appearence in Cincinnati. Such other well known artists as Madams Calve, Bauermeister, Van Cauteren and Clementine DeVere and Messrs. Salignac, Bars, DeVries, Vivianti and Lassalle, will participate. The conductor will be Sig. Mancinelli.

Tuesday evening, Messrs. Jean and Edouard De Reszke and Madams, Litvinne and Mr. David Bispham, will be heard in Wagner's Opera "Siegfried" (in german.) The conductor on this occasion will be Mr Anton Seidl.

Wednesday evening, March 31st' Gounod's Opera, "Faust." Madams. Calve (as Marguerite,) Bauermester and Mantelli, Messrs. Cremenini, Ancona, Viviani and Plancon. The conductor will be Sig. Mancinelli.

Thursday evening, April 1st. Verdi's Opera, "Aida," will be given, conducted by Sig. Viviani. The parts in this Opera will be taken by Mmes. Litvinne, Bauermeister, Mantelli, and Messrs. Coppi, Campanari, Vaschetti and Plancon.

Friday evening Wagner Opera, "Lohengrin', (in german.) Mmes. Litvinne and Clitzka and Messrs. Jean De Reszke, David Bispham, De Vries and Edouard Be Reszke. The conductor will be Sig. Anton Seidl.

Saturday afternoon, April 3rd. will be the farewell Opera, commencing at 2 o'clock, when "Carmen," will be repeated with the same cast as on Monday evening.

The C. H. & D. Ry., are using every effort to contribute to the comfort of passengers who will attend the Opera by securing for them through their local agents in advance and have made special low rates for both individuals and parties. C. H. & D. Ry., agents are supplied with full information in regard to every detail connected with the Opera and will cheerfully impart such information to those who will ask for it.

Brown Teeth Made White

by the use of Carlis' Celebrated Tooth Powder sample package by mail 10c S. M. Carlis, Box 85, Fayetteville, Tenn.

The Davis' joined Hyers Colored Comedy Co., March 15.

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Henrietta Vinton-Davis is arranging to produce "East Lynne."

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"Hannah, You Won't Do," is Williams & Walker's latest composition.

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At Detroit, Mich., last week, Isham's Octoroons did their usual fine business.

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The Nashville Students are touring Missouri this week, singing before large audiences.

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Leroy Bland, female impersonator, with Mahara's Minstrels, is receiving much credit for his voice.

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Mahara's Minstrels headed by the "Only" Billy Young, are packing the theatre in Denver, Col., this week.

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One Billy Farrell and Miss Willie Farrell have introduced a new song, with words by Tom Brown, in their cake walking act.

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The DeWolfe Sisters, duettists, with the Black Patti Troubadours, are receiving flattering receptions from their audiences.

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Hodges & Launchemere in their songs and dances and funny cake walk, finished a two weeks engagement at Proctor's Theatre, New York City.

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Prof. J. C. S. Crooms musical director of Hyers' Colored Comedy company, who on account of sickness was compelled to leave the show for several months, has rejoined.

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Bob Cole, stage director of Black Patti Troubadours, was the recipient of a sealskin cap and gloves from the star of his company on the occasion of his birthday, recently.

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Williams & Walker, whose cake walk is the funniest thing in its line, seen on the stage to-day, is now being produced by these comedians at the Bijou Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa , this week.

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Hyer's Comedy Co., is composed of the following people: May C. Hyers, Parquette & Leonard, L. M. Boxer, Daisy Whitfield, the Davis', Laura and Mme. Parquette, Billy LaVard and the Smith Brothers.

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Maj. Ben F. Payne, formerly of "South Before the War" spent several days in St. Louis last week, perfecting matters pertaining to Payne & Singleton's Greatest Colored Attractions on Earth, the coming summer season.

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Jones' Black Hussar Band has been re-engaged for the Great Wallace Shows for the coming season. This making their sixth season with that aggregation. The following are members: S. L. Jones, Tom Lewis, Sam Bell, A. R. Alexander, H. Bennett, Simon McCoy, W. W. Rowland, S. Johnson, Comey Cowen, and C. W. Jones, leader.

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Denton's Pickaniny Band, of "South Before the War" company, which so suddenly closed in St. Louis, March 15, which had been but two weeks with the show, having come from Chattanooga, Tenn., for a long season (?), but the company closed in less than twelve days after their arrival; they were left penniless. The colored politicians of St. Louis came to their rescue, by engaging them to play for their ward meetings.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are now in their 27th week, and so far have done a splendid business; the last four weeks they have done the largest business of the season, crowded houses nightly. The press and public speak in the highest terms of their concerts. They are booked solid until the 7th of July when they close. Jimmie Lightfoot is surprising the people with his rendition of "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," and is receiving unlimited applause. N. Warner's slide trombone and Opherclide solos are one of the features and well received.

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The Mahara Minstrels are now in their thirty-first week of the season; they carry thirty-five people and travel in their own car. The company includes: Billy Young, Chas. Cass, Dan Avery, Leroy Bland, Hilliard Brewer, P. J. Cooper, Wm. Malone, D. C. Scott, Geo. Moxley and a score of singers and dancers. The band and orchestra is under the leadership of Prof. S Dodd, of Princeton, Ky. They showed at Carson, Nev., March 10-11, to packed houses. The town was crowded with visitors and the pugilists with their trainers occupied boxes at the performance. The papers on the Coast say it is one the best companies seen there. The show is bound East.

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Fred Blair, our correspondent, in Carthage, Mo., sends the following: "The Fisk Jubilee Singers gave their concert at the Methodist church, white, to a large audience. The company numberes ten persons and they gave an entertainment which was appreciated by all. They sang many genuine jubilee songs that took. The company rendered "Steal Away" which was the best piece of work of the evening. Encores were numerous and the audience was well pleased with the entertainment. Miss Sagwar sang "Old Folks at Home" and was recalled; Miss Adams sang "Sweet Mignonette" and was encored; Mr. Loudin, manager of the company, sang the solo of the evening. He has a remarkable bass voice and was loudly applauded. He then responded to a double encore. Mr. Loudin is not only a talented basso, but he proved that he is a cultured and entertaining public speaker. Mr. Brooks and Lane are excellent tenor singers."

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After a prosperous season of thirty-one weeks, despite the hard times, Harry Martell's (western) "South Before the War" company closed at St. Louis, Mo , March 15th, at least five weeks earlier than the original intention Chicago having been designated as the closing point. According to the St. Louis Chronicle, and general rumor, Manager Geo. L. Chennell did not act according to professional rules with the members of the company, in that he closed the show at a foreign point, somewhat, and did not give the usual two weeks notice to close, which according to agreement, either party must give two weeks notice. This rather left some of the company in no fair condition—financially. Paul Floyd, of Indianapolis; Hi Tom Gilliam, of Detroit; Thos. H. Hale, of Chicago; Buddie Frey, Denton's Pickaninny Band and the Criterion Quartette are still in the city. Messrs. Ed Hood and J. Ed Green left for Chicago; Wm. Dixon has gone to New Orleans; Misses Virgie Lacy, of Lexington, Ky., and Mamie Corbin, of Georgetown, Ky., have returned to their homes. Misses Minnie Campbell, and Lulu Goodman, of Detroit, will remain in St. Louis for the summer season.

South Bend Doings.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

The churches and Sunday schools are well attended. Class No. 3, taught by our pastor, is the banner. Rev. J. K. Hart preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 3 p. m Mt. Zion Baptist church, Rev. George D. Smith, pastor; good attendance; preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m Mrs. Rev. G. D. Smith, who has been bedfast for three weeks is getting some better. Miss Vernor Lee is on the sick list. Rev. G. D. Smith has been pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church his seventh year.

Keokuk (Ia.,) News.

Keokuk, Ia , Special.

Douglass Lyceum met in the lecture room of Bethel church Tuesday March 16th, at which time the committee on constitution and by-laws made their reports. This society is one of which much good is expected to be derived. Miss Ida Fair who died Monday the 15th was buried from Bethel church March 17th at 3 p. m. Rev. Tillman officiating. She was attended by the Rebecca Tent of which she was a mem- The young peoples club gave a social and literary entertainment at the parsonage Thursday night March 8th. The affair was very pleasant and a neat sum realized. Rev. S. S. Orange who was called to La Grange, Mo., to the bedside of his sick brother, Albert has returned and reports him convalescing.

Calantha Court Entertainment.

Shreveport, La., Special.

A grand entertainment was given at the Knights of Pythias hall March 19-20 by the Onward Court of Calantha. The greatest revival ever known in Shreveport, began Jan. 1st at the Avenue Baptist church, of which Rev. H. R. Flynn is pastor. More than 100 souls have professed faith in Christ. Fully 3,000 spectators witnessed the baptizing the second Sunday in March. The meeting still goes on. Another baptising will take place to-morrow. Rev. J. W. Bolden, of Monroe, La., has returned home. E D. Minton, editor of the Weekly Record, has invented an upholster for Xmas trees. Rev. R. H. Bailey is a fine baker. He is now employed by the Phoenix hotel, the leading hotel of the city. Mr. Dorche, of the Two Bros.' saloon, speaks well of The Freeman, and says to white by-standers when I deliver his paper, "This is the work of my race, how do you like it?" The Freeman is for sale at H. W. Duncan's barber shop every Saturday. R. C. Jennings, at the Phoenix hotel, says: "Whenever he gets hold of anything good, he likes to be sympathetic and divide; so he requested me to send a copy of The Freeman every Saturday to his sister in Minden, La." Four men were killed March 20th by the wrecking of a freight train. The Thirteenth District Academy, of which Prof. W. Hicks is principal, is progressing.

Birthday Entertainment.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

John Pool has moved his family to Allegan. Joseph Bold and Miss Helen Lewis were united in marriage at the Bride's home on Monday evening, Rev. W. F. W. Stafford officiating. The complimentary ball was well attended. Eigh couple came from Paw Paw and swelled the crowd. Mrs. James H. Haithcox, of South Bend, Ind., arrived in the city Wednesday, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Amos Stewart. Mrs. Johnson entertained Tuesday evening in honor of her birthday. After listening to several songs, an elaborate supper was served. Miss Roberts, of Almenia, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Chas. Ridgely.

U. B F.'s Annual Sermon.

Alton, Ill., Special.

The U. B. F. Circle Lodge No. 2, will have their annual sermon preached on the first Sunday after Easter, by Rev. G. W. Smith, of South St. Louis, at the A. M. E. church, on Fourth street The Literary of the Union Baptist church, will have a business meeting Tuesday evening at the church. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Henderson are the proud parents of a fine boy. The literary of the Baptist church met last Thursday evening and a fine program was rendered. The debate was very interesting, subject, "Which is the most enjoyable season of the year, summer or winter?" The debators were Messrs. Davis and J. Valley, in the affirmative; Miss Meona Poindexter and Mr. Porter in the negative; judges, Miss Julia Jones, Miss Ella Osby and D Mills, who decided the contest in favor of the negative. Wm. Crawford has resigned his position as porter at the Commercial hotel, and is stopping with Mrs. Ellsworth of W. Second street. Frank Mayo has resumed his position at Dr. Taphorn's office, after a few days illness. S. R. D. Spencer has the agency of the Appeal, a colored paper of Minneapolis. See J. Craig for papers wanted at North Alton.

Notes of the Flood.

Memphis, Tenn , Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cotton entertained a few of their intimate friends on the 14th. Howard Moore was in the city last week from St. Louis, Mo. Miss Emma West has returnd from Washington, D. C. Wm. McKenny died Thursday the 11th inst and the funeral services was held at Collins Chapel. Jennie Witmoore died Wednesday the 10 inst. The funeral was held at the residence of her sisters on Georgia street. Rev. J V. Clark, D. D., was in the city last last week. Mrs. Carrie Pope of 33 Ruth street is ill. A most delightful surprise party was given at the home of Miss Robetta Hick on Turley street Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. Howard Moore of St. Louis, Mo. Miss Fannie Ware is still at Mt. Bayou Miss. The Blind Boone Concert Company played a three night engagemen at Beale street Baptist church to a fal business the 9th, 10th and 11th. Dr. John N. Abbie has returned from Washington, D. C. Miss Maggie E. Hicks entertained at her home Friday evening. Agent for The Freeman A. J. H. Bass. The flood news continues to excite sympathy for the people of the overflowed districts whose condition is almost as bad as it could be, most of them have lost some of their live stock, and quite a number are utterly homeless, but little loss of life is reported so far. The steamer Bryan arrived at her dock Wednesday and gave information of the drowning of a family of five, names unknown. Fred Savage is ill.

"Know Thyself."

Columbus, O., Special.

In a shooting affray that occured at the house of Lydia Moss on Lafayette street late Saturday night William Redman fired at Donna Garrison, she dodged and the bullet struck J. L. Clark the young son of the well known plasterer and contractor J. Clark. C. Y. Charous has enlarged his shoe store. Dr. Patterson was called home. Richard Barnett was fine ten dollars and cost for assault and battery on his wife. Miss L. Brench and Miss J. Lucas of Irwin, O., is visiting Mrs. S. Griffeth of Cherry street. The Afro-American League, an organization to assist in the developing of all that pertains to the advancement of the race met at their hall to transact business. Dean House arrivals, James Toole, Detroit; S. Walker, Louisville; T. Vernon, Somerset, O ; Y. Bennett, Cleveland; W. Mitchell. Richard Thomas who has been doing some traveling in Pennsylvania arrived home. Rev. Maxwell of Mt. Vernon A. M. E. church delivered an able sermon, subject "Know Thyself." In his discouse he pointed out that in order to know thyself you must read and read good literature, and almost told them that to read good papers they ought to read The Freeman in order to know what is going on among the Afro-Americans.

MID-LENT MISSION.

Revival Closed with 309 Accessions—Mt. Zion Literary—Progress of College Hill Church—Notes.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Rev. McGuire, of the St. Andrews Episcopal Mission, preached an Eloquent sermon to a large and appreciative audience. The choir chanted some of their choicest music, and Mrs. Dogan sang a solo which was simply superb. Mid-lent Mission held during the week, at which time several distinguished divines will speak. The Allen Temple closed its series of meeting with 309 accessions to the church. Mrs. Mary Harris and daughter Gertrude, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Thompson, of 426 W. Fifth street, left last week for their home in Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Anna Ware of 525 John street, is convalescent. The Zion Literary on last Monday rendered an excellent program to a large attendance. The Baptist church, Walnut Hill, administered to 43 happy souls the rite of baptism on Sunday last at 11 o'clock to a large audience. A grand musical and literary entertainment was given at M. E. church, College Hill, on last Friday evening, being the last this conference year. This church, with Rev. Payne, as pastor, has made a wonderful progress, raising during the year which expires April 1st, $900; accessions to the church, 30; to Sunday school, 60. This church has done exceedingly well.

The Grim Reaper.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mr. Bryant Neville, the well known hack driver died in this city recently. The deceased has been insane for some time. Mrs. Mooreland of Franklin street died Sunday March 20th. She was the wife of Mr. Mooreland, the barber. Mr. Charlie Hunter is visiting his parents in this city. The Cumberland river is doing much damage at present. Mr. Carr died at his home in this city on March 19th. Mr. Carr has lived in this city a number of years. He was about 66 years old and he leaves many friends and relatives.

Normal School Note.

Hampton, Va., Special.

Miss Freeman's literature class gave a Longfellow exercise in the girls gymnasium last Saturday evening. The exercises consisted of compositions, selections from Longfellow. Two scenes from the courtship of Miles Standish were played, which reminded us of the old customs in New England, All who attended highly enjoyed the exercises. In our imagination, Miss Susie Greogry was a perfect Puritan maiden, Priscilla, while the parts of John Alden and Miles Standish, which were played by E. A. Lightfoot and James Wilson were nothing like unreal. As the commencement is drawing near Hampton as usual has the pleasure of receiving many visitors. The motto of the senior class of '97 is, "Use What you have." Mr. Drake, a member of the class, composed the words of the hymn which corresponds to the motto. Dr. Frissel is with us again.

Annual Odd Fellows Sermon.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Rile entertained friends last Tuesday evening. The Senior Sewing Circle met last Friday at Mrs. T. Sampson. There was a mite missionary tea held Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. M. J. Alexander'. Rev. J. Singelton and Mrs. M. C. Payne and wife came here Sunday for the purpose of hearing the annual sermon of D. of J. The Odd Fellows of Oxford, O., have invited the Odd Fellows of this city to attend a musical entertainment on April 1st. They have accepted the invitation and will attend in a body. Rev. Morris who was pastor of the Baptist church here has succeeded in getting a charge in Michigan. The annual sermon of the D. of J., was preached last Sunday evening. The G. U. O. of O. F. will hold a bazaar on April 6th, 7th, and 8th. On the 8th the installment of officers will take place. Mr. J. Carroll has been on the sick list.

News From Berkley.

Berkley, Va., Special.

All the churches were well attended the First Baptist having more than a hundred scholars in school. Mr. Chas. Press who died a few days ago had reached the age of 93 years. His funeral was largely attended. Ex-Justice Geo. D. Mouse and his good lady were taken by surprise last Wednesday night by a number of friends who were led by Mrs. Alexander Ricks and others, and was presented with a beautiful supper of all things good to eat etc. They highly appreciated the call. Rev. J. H. Gamer preached last Sunday a special sermon to the Y. M. C. A. of the town. His text was Prov. 3-13th, "Happy is the man that gets Wisdom." He was at his best. Mr. John E. Fulford is president of this association and Mr. Walter Fulford is the manager. The sum of $7.30 was collected. The services at the Sixth street A. M. E. church continues as usual to interest the audience and all who attended are highly benefitted. Mr. Moses Perry is one of the able trustees of this church Rev. W. S. Mountums of the Christian church, preached at the Ninth street Baptist church and Rev. J. M. Powell at the formers church last Sunday. Both had good congregations and took up good collections. The Missionary Baptist Sunday School Union meets next Sunday at the Little Bethel Baptist church in Sweet Canom. The public in general are cordially invited to come out and participate.—Additional Berkley news on page two.

Indian Inspectorship.

Robert Pelham, of Detroit, was in Washington, in quest of an Indian inspectorship, and his application and indorsements are put up in the neatest shape of anything seen at the capitol. The indorsements include the hearty support of all the members of congress and senators, members of the republican state committee, chairmen of the republican county committee, and about everybody else in Michigan whose support could do anybody any good with the new president. The whole is bound in vellum and makes a volume that would do credit to an application for ambassador to England.—The Detroit Tribune.

Flood of '97.

The Ohio River at Cincinnati reached the stage of 61 feet and 4 inches and blocked all the railway lines, except one, and this one was the C. H. & D. Ry. It is known as the "high and dry" lines. During the flood all trains arrived and departed from the depot 5th and Baymiller, Cincinnati, with unfailing regularity.

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Passengers for Washington

and the East. The C. H. & D. Ry., have arranged for stop-over of 10 days at Washington, D. C., on tickets to Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and points East of Washington. Persons going East and desiring to stop at the National Capitol should see that there tickets read via, C. H. & D. Ry. Any agent will cheerfully, give needed information, rates and secure space in Pullman Buffet sleeping car now run by this company between Chicago, Indianapolis and Washington and the East. Through dining cars are run, in which may be found, the best hotel service in the country.

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There has been a great deal of disagreement from time to time about the therapeutic value of sarsaparilla. In the main, authorities deny, any particular medical value to the plant. "It's just an old wive's remedy," they say. And in the main they are right. There are about a dozen varities of sarsaparilla, scattered through various countries, and of this dozen only one has any real curative power. So a man whoe experience might be confined to the eleven other varities might honestly say there was little value in them. The one valuable sarsaparilla is found in Honduras, C. A. Monardes, a physician of Seville, records the introduction of sarsaparilla into Spain as a result of the Spanish discoveries of the New World, between 1536 and 1545. But the root did not accomplish much. But he adds, "a better sort soon after came from Honduras." It is this "better sort" that is used exclusively in Ayer's Sarsaparilla. And it is the use of this "better sort" that has given Ayer's Sarsaparilla prominence over all other varities by reason of its wonderful cures of blood diseases. Send for the Curebook, a "story of cures told by the cured." Free. Address J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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DISFRANCHISING THE NEGRO

HOW IT IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED —"SHALL HE BE ROBBED

Of His Heritage?"—Who Will Save Him —Congressman Murry is Agritate the Question—All Lover of Justice Should Encourage Him

EDITOR FREEMAN:

As there seems to be a growing tendency on the part of the Southern states to disfranchise the Negro for the purpose of eliminating him as a factor in the politics of the South, it is the duty of the Republican party, especially the colored portion of it, to give this subject close and undivided attention. Shall the Negro be robbed of this heritage guaranteed to him by the fundamental law of this, the greatest nation on earth, or shall he have the full panoply of protection thrown around him in the enjoyment of this sacred principle of American citizenship? This question is one deeply affecting every liberty-loving citizen within the confines of these United States, regardless of race or color. A great nation like ours cannot afford to permit a few states, by the practice of fraud, corruption, and intimidation, to manipulate its governmental affairs, or to dictate a district policy for one set of citizens and another entirely different policy for another set of citizens.

The constitutions of the states of Mississippi and South Carolina are a standing disgrace to the intelligence of our American civilization. The following excerpt from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of October 9, 1896, shows how this work of disfranchising the Negro is being accomplished: "The registration in South Carolina has closed with an average of seven white voters to one colored voter. Senator Tillman achieved this result with his new State Constitution. He is now in the North, urging the masses to rise against the classes." This wonderful feat of demagogery and Democratic rascality has been accomplished in a state which has a large majority of colored voters. According to the "new constitution" of the states of Mississippi and South Carolina, only the best lawyers in those states are legally qualified voters, yet if a man votes the Democratic ticket he is declared "qualified" by the Democratic registration officers; if he is not a Democrat he "must read and interpret a portion of the constitution" to the satisfaction of these Democratic moguls. By this method these partisan registration officers are enabled to dictate just who shall and who shall not vote in these states. This is a condition that should not exist. The Congressman and Senators elected by these dictatorial and usurpatory methods have just as much power in the National Congress in shaping the destiny of this great nation as the most honorably elect member of this august body. Thus it is plain that the rascality practiced in these Southern states effect not only the citizens of those states, but the citizens of every state in this Union. Such policies as these, if long continued, will gradually work a disintegration of our magnificent governmental superstructure, and cause it to fall like the baseless fabric of a vision. These practices, while mainly local in their operation, are certainly national in their effect.

Let us pause a while and look into some of the operations of these methods. The total congressional vote in 1894 in South Carolina was 63,645; Mississippi, 39,581; average per district in South Carolina, 9,092; average in Mississippi, 5,655; average per district in Texas in the same year 34,000. The third Mississippi district cast 1,852 votes to elect a congressman while the sixth Texas district cast 40,494 votes to elect a congressman. The seven congressional districts of Mississippi together cast 913 votes less than the sixth congressional district of Texas, hence Mississppi gets seven congressmen and two senators for a less vote than Texas casts for one congressman. Placing Texas on the same basis as Mississippi she would have nearly one hundred congressmen, and placing Mississippi on the same basis as Texas, she would have only one. Now the constitutional law upon this subject is both plain and mandatory and should be enforced. If not, why enforce the law in any instance?

Article 14, section 2, amendments to the constitution of the United States reads as follows: "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state including Indians not taxed. But whenever the right to vote at any election for election of president and vice president, or for United States representatives in Congress, executive and judicial officer or for members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state being 21 years of age and citizens of the United States or in any way abridged except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the numbers of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens 21 years of age in such state."

There is certainly no ambiguity about this law and those states who have openly violated both the letter and the spirit of their provision of our national constitution should have their representation in Congress and in the electoral college reduced as this law directs. These states are just as amenable to the law as the humblest citizen in this country and should be made to obey its mandates with the same punctuality. The fact that these "new constitutions" are so formed for the express purpose of disfranchising the colored voters is no palliation for their crimes. The same constitution which gave these states their power, made the Negro a full-fledged American citizen.

I notice that Congressman Murray of South Carolina and others are now agitating this question. They should receive encouragement and support from every lover of justice and right whether he be black or white. This is not a personal fight. It is a fight as broad as the constitution itself—a fight to determine whether our boasted American citizenship is a barren ideality or whether it is a living heritage transmitted to us from the belching cannon of Monmouth, the smouldering fires of Valley Forge and the icy streets of Trenton. I simply make this feeble effort to call the attention of our great writers, such as Dr. J. M. Henderson, M. A. Majors, A. M. Hodges, R. W. Thompson and others, to this important subject. Let them take up this subject and turn on the light of their great intellectuality so that we of the far away Southland may know "where we are at." I consider this a subject of far reaching importance, worthy of the attention of our greatest intellectual lights. It is useless for us to keep quiet, hoping that some noble-hearted white man will take up this fight for us. There are plenty of such noble-hearted white men who wish us well and are willing to aid us in securing our rights, but they are engaged in other affairs which affect them more directly. Every race, like every man, is the architect of its own fortune, and must live or die, survive or perish by its own efforts.

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There has been organized during the present week, a literary society by the young people of Bethel A. M. E. church, the name of which is the Douglass Lyceum. The flag drill which was postponed, was rendered on last Thursday evening by the Rebecca Tent, and was a success. Mrs. W. M. Steele was at home to the St Joseph Guild of St. Mary's church on Friday, the 12th Mrs John Givens, who has been confined to her room for the past few days, is some better. Miss Stella Glass, who has been sick for the past week, is improving. Mrs. Albert Johnson is improving. Miss Ida Fair at this writing, is very low, with little hope of her recovery. The primary class of little girls of Bethel A. M. E, church were entertained by their teacher, Mrs. G. M. Tillman, with an indoor picnic at her home. Mrs. Hardin has returned home after a long visit to her daughter at Des Moines. W. Shortdrige left Sunday morning to visit relatives in Hannibal, Mo. Thomas Walker, who has been very sick, is able to be around. Mrs. Shortdrige, a reader and co-agent of The Freeman, is on the sick list. Mrs. Triplet, of Canton, is visiting friends in this city.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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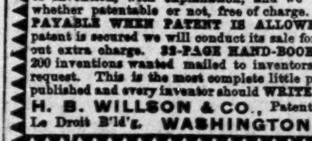

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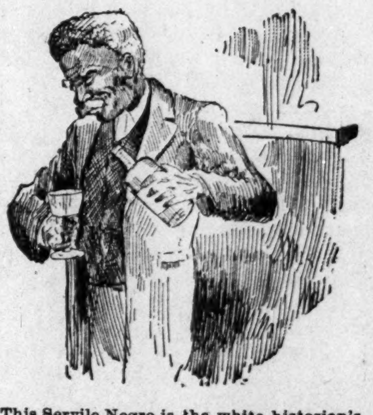

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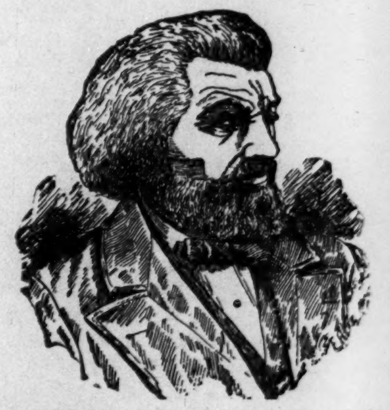

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"I met with great courtesy on the English steamer when traveling down the west coast of Africa. Every merchant and official who came on board asked for an introduction to the ladies. This was only natural since, in 1886, very few white women were to be found in those regions. We often received fruits and flowers and were treated most kindly. After a pleasant voyage of six weeks we landed at the Mayumba, in the French Congo, and were met by several white men, missionaries and traders. Surf-boats were waiting to convey us to the shore, and after being nearly pulled to pieces by some natives who were trying to carry us from the boat to dry beach, we were safely housed in an English factory.

"The owner was a great friend of our mission and could not do enough for us. Soon we were seated around the breakfast table. I cannot describe the excellence of that repast. It would have done very well at a first-class hotel, and I supposed it to be an extra spread to do honor to the occasion. But I soon found my mistake. It was the usual order of the day, and the next meal surpassed the first by far.

"Little did I know or care who prepared these dainties, and after getting acquainted with the factotum of the place, I could only wonder that amid all the dirt in the kitchen such things could be prepared and that a drunken cook could accomplish this. One can imagine my feelings when I unexpectedly came upon one of the waiters (table boy) as he was licking a dinner plate, then give it a wipe with his loin cloth by way of polishing it. and after this returned it to the table for the next course. I was rather glad to say farewell to this hospitable place, to be able to enjoy a plain meal without so much dirt.

"We did not get away before we were introduced to the family of the merchant. Two little mulattoes were marched up to shake hands and to kiss the ladies, and a black woman was introduced to us as the children's mother, 'My woman,' as the Englishman put it. We were expected to be friendly with these black girls, who are kept in each factory. Of course, these girls are not to blame, since they are often brought to the white men against their will, the relatives receiving presents of rum when they hire the girl out to the trader. Whenever the trader tires of his mistress she is sent back to her family, and he hires another girl. I know of one case where a white merchant, I am sorry to say an American, tried to compel a girl of twelve to live with him, although she was a scholar in our mission school. The missionaries were smarter than he and succeeded in keeping the girl away from him by adopting her. One soon gets accustomed to all things, and after a year or so we were quite used to meeting these women and did not think any more about it than when meeting other black women.

"The lives of the traders seem much alike, a little work, a good deal of drinking, and immorality. The climate of Central Africa is very trying, but the white traders are to blame for the great mortality among them.

It is not hard work or exposure, as in the case of the missionaries, that kills them, but rather drink and immorality. The outrages committed by these men cannot be told in print, but no crime is black enough, it seems. When the young traders come out to Africa, perhaps young men brought up in Christian homes, they do not like the life there, and every one longs for his engagement of three years to come to a close, and vows that Africa shall never see him again. But, alas! at the end of three years nearly every young clerk has changed his mind and is very unwilling to return. The life seems to infatuate every one, and this is easily explained.

"A clerk in Europe must obey his employer and has hard work to live on his scanty salary, but in Africa everything is changed. The salary is higher and expenses less. Board and servants are found for the clerks. An agent may be placed over a number of clerks, but he does not bother them much if trading goes on fairly well. The clerk is master in his own trading station, and does as he likes. A white trader requires at least four or five servants, an interpreter, a cook, and at least two waiters. Sometimes a jackwash is added to the house servants. Besides these, common laborers are needed, their number depending upon the amount of trade. It is, indeed, strange that every trader or official needs so many servants, but it is a fact. These gentlemen are not able to lace their own boots after a few months' residence in Africa. A boy is sometimes required for this purpose but more often this job falls to the lot of 'my woman.'

"Nearly all the traders, officials and explorers rule the natives with a rod of iron, and commit the greatest cruelties, especially among the girls and women. It is no wonder that death often cuts them off in one of their sprees, and although this happens often, it has no effect upon those who remain. They are a little subdued until the funeral is over, but even when returning from the grave they joke about their dead friend and return to their regular ways of life. The 'woman' of the dead man changes masters often before the funeral. Every imaginable vice exists among the white people who are the exemplars of the natives. The immoral lives of European merchants and officials make hard work for the missionaries. To say that the missionaries are hated by the white people is putting it mildly. To be sure, they turn to us when there is sickness among them or their dead must be buried, but at other times they hinder our work whenever they can,

"Protestant missionaries seldom get credit for the work they do. At least, officials and explorers hardly ever give them their just dues, although they often praise the Catholic missions. It is true that the Catholic missions, in most places, have nice buildings and a large school, and these outside appearances give rise to glowing reports. The explorers remain only a few days at a station, and have not time to find out the inside workings of the different missions, nor the treatment which the children receive. The whip of hippo hide, which is the means of persuasion in the Catholic missions, and is frequently used on the Negroes, disappears when visitors are present. More than half of the children hardly learn to read, but have to work hard on the farm. The brighter ones are exhibited in the schoolroom to the passing stranger. The natives are not slow in finding this out, and the Catholics cannot get freeborn native children in their neighborhood. So they carry on a slave trade with the interior. The slave children are compelled to stay in the mission until of age, and in most cases even longer. These things cannot be learned during a short visit, and since the hospitality of the Catholic missions and the quality of their wines are famous all along the coast, explorers and others sound the praises of these establishments.

Explorers carry black girls with them into the interior and bring them back with them, if convenient. I know whereof I speak, and can affirm it at any time. Civilized nations would soon have stricter laws if they only knew, but it seems as if they did not want to know about the true state of affairs, and if the real facts reach the ears of the European governments they are quickly hushed up, and the public at large knows nothing about them. The only remedy for these outrages seems to be for white men to take their wives with them, and through the influence of educated women a different atmosphere will be found in African society."

THE NEGRO POET.

Paul Dunbar Has Been Well Received in London.

A Negro poet and reciter introduced himself to London yesterday. Dunbar is a braw Scotch patronymic, and the Dunbars are mostly big men with whiskers of a cayenne tint; but Paul Dunbar grows wool above a face as black and as bright as polished ebony.

He is a full-blood Negro, born of African slave parents, in Dayton, Ohio, and he has come to London to make himself known as a reciter of his own poems, the beauty and fine philosophical spirit of which have made him famous in the country which gave him birth. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Dunbar gave a short reading from his own "Lyrics of Lowly Life." Of the four poems selected, three of them, written in Negro dialect of Negro life, were given with so much point and characteristic humor that the audience was moved to enthusiasm. Mr. Dunbar knows how to make a nice blend of the quaint and the deeply serious, as, for instance, in "When Malindy Sings," the final verse of which runs this way.

Towsah, stop dat barkin,' hyeah me!
  Mandy, mek dat chile keep still.
Don't you heah de echoes callin'
  F'om de valley to de hill?
Let me listen, I can hyeah it
  Th'oo de bresh of angels' wings,
Sof' an' sweet, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot,"
  Ez Malindy sings.

In another vein, "The Poet and His Song," is a very neatly turned lyric, the philosophical sentiment of which would have gladdened the buoyant bosom of Mark Tapley, while from the dialect poems Mr. Dunbar selected "Accountability" and "When De Co'n Pone's Hot," both of which he gave with genuine humor.

Much of the verse that is included in "Lyrics of Lowly Life" and other collections, was written while Mr. Dunbar was elevator boy, and in an introduction to the book William D. Howells remarks that Dunbar was the only man of pure African blood and of American civilization to feel the Negro life aesthetically and to express it lyrically.

The public will presently be able to judge of his quality for themselves —London Mail.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in,
A minute to smile and an hour to weep in,
A pint of joy to a peck of trouble,
And never a laugh but the moans come double;
And that is life!

A crust and a corner that love makes precious,
With the smile to warm and the tears to refresh us;
And joy seems sweeter when cares come after,
And a moan is the finest of foils for laughter;
And that is life!

—Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

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Don't forget that your friends can hardly be expected to share your own absorbing interest in your infants.

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Don't have heavy poles with rings for muslin or thin curtains; they are always put up with a heading and casing with a small rod run through.

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"You shouldn't judge your new neighbors hastily," says the Manayunk Philosopher. "Wait until the first Monday, at least, when they have their wash on the line."

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Housekeepers whose nails break easily should never stir anything on the hot stove without first slipping on a loose glove. The dry heat from the fire makes the nails brittle.

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Belle—"Aren't Mr. and Mrs. Honeymune housekeeping?" Nell—"No; she went home to her father," Belle—"Quarrel?" Nell—"Oh, no, Mr. Honeymune went with her."

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Women are to-day engaged in almost every professional employment. As lawyers, physicians, civil engineers, musicians, actors, and authors, they have not only shown their ability to cope with men, but, in numerous instances, they have risen to the very highest round of the professional ladder.

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"No matter what a girl's accomplishments may be, her education is incomplete if she has not some knowledge of bake-ology, boil-ology, roast-ology, and mend-ology. Even if she should never be required to do the work herself she ought to know whether it is done in the right way?" This is from the sermon of a New York clergyman.

BRYAN'S PAPER.

The Editor Again Restored to Health

Mr. George W. Hervey, editor of the Weekly Omaha World-Herald, is a perfect picture of health and looks more like the Hervey of other days. To see him now, one can hardly believe that he has been such a great sufferer. He writes of his failing health and recovery, in his characteristic way as follows:

"For several years I was troubled with indigestion so severe as to make it impossible to take more than two meals a day without intense suffering. I grew worse gradually until, July 1895, I was suddenly attacked with increased pain and soreness over the pit of my stomach and sharp pains in my right side which rapidly increased until I could scarcely get my breath. A physician was called for immediate relief and hypodermic injections of morphine were resorted to for relief. I was able to be out in about a week but had a second attack the following August, more intense than before. I was reduced from 156 to 134 lbs. in nine days and left wholly unable to take any nourishment. I lived on lime water and a very little milk for several days after, For one year I carried morphine pellets in my pockets ready for an emergency. All this time my stomach was sore and very sensitive. I discovered that what would agree with my stomach this week would probably not next week and that I was getting nearer and nearer to a final collapse, I consulted 3 of the best physicians in the state and two agreed fully as to my ailment but failed to give me relief. Having utterly failed to obtain relief, I finally made arrangements to go to Chicago to be treated when my little boy chanced to get a sample package of Dr. Kay's Renovator which he brought to me. I was induced to try it, not having the least faith in its virtues. I thought the sample relieved me and I purchased a 25 cent box. Before it was all used I had so improved that I was taking three meals a day, which I had not done for years. I then used one package of the large Dr. Kay's Renovator and one more of the small size. It is eight months since I commenced using Dr Kay's Renovator and I now have no symptoms whatever of my old trouble. I have recommended it to many of my friends for stomach trouble and I think all have reported relief." Geo. W. Hervy, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17, 1897. Dr. Kay's Renovator is sold by druggists or sent by mail for 25 cts. and $1. Booklet free Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb. Sold by H. C. Pomeroy, opp. post office.

A Noble Work.

From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

There is no one in Omaha or vicinity who has not heard of Mr. N. J. Smith, founder of Rescue Home. He has for a number of years, devoted a large share of his time to the work of rescuing the fallen, furnishing aid to those in distress and helping in every way possible those in trouble. He has been in poor health for several years, but all will be pleased to learn that his health is now much better and he is able to take active charge of the mission work, to which he now devotes his entire time.

On January 1st, 1897, he writes as follows: "I have been troubled for several years with a bad cough, I had lung chills and slight hemorrhage of the lungs and was threatened with consumption. My mother and two sisters have died with consumption, I expected the same fate; but I tried Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, prepared by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., and two 25c boxes have entirely cured me of my cough and soreness of my lungs. That tired, sleepy and drowsy feeling is all gone and my appetite is now good. I feel well and full of life. I can work night and day and do not feel tired, Praise the Lord for the help it has given me. I write this hoping if any read it who are similarly afflicted and have been unable to get help from any other sources that they will try this excellent remedy, which I believe to be the best cough medicine of which I have any knowledge."

N. J. SMITH.

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Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State for what will be the biggest electric railroad system in the world. The articles were filed by Hon. Harry Probasco, as counsel of the company and Chief Clerk Kinney, of the office of Secretary of State, at once issued the charater. The projection contemplates the making of an electric road of the entire Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway system, between Cin. & Toledo and also between Dayton and Ironton. The new company is to be known as the C. H. & D. Traction Company, and under the articles of incorporation it is authorized to lease, own, acquire, build, operate, or maintain, either alone or in conjunction with any other street, suburban, interurban, or other railway company of street suburban or interurban railway, to be operated by electricity steam or any other motive power, to do a freight and passenger business. The capital stock of the company is $50,000.00, in $100 shares. The incorporators are C. G. Waldo, D. G. Edwards, Geo. R. Balch, R. P. Rifenberick, and C. A. Wilson. The capital stock of the company while small, it is expected will be enlarged veay materially at a later date, the object being for the first operation to equip the line between Middleton and Hamilton, which can be done at a very small expense, the track and road bed, being all complete. From the experience acqbired in his initial plant, the development of the line of the C. H. & D. Ry., between Cincinnati and Hamilton, and also other points, will be carried on.

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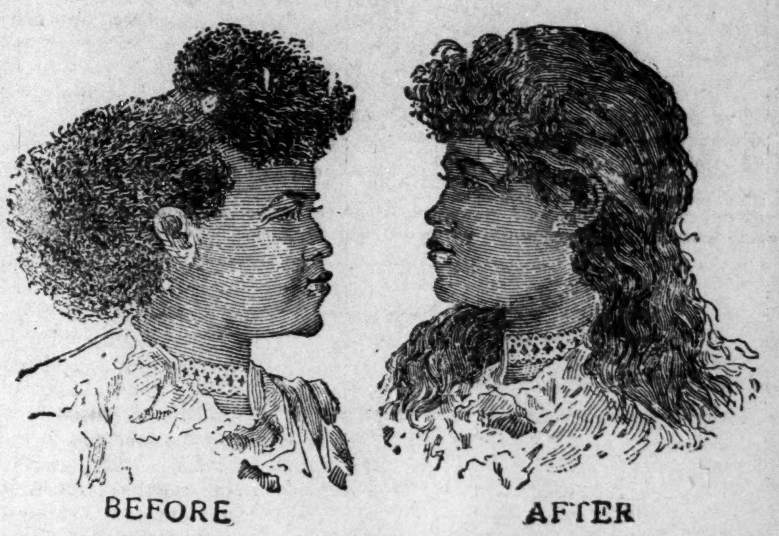

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LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. Helen Givens is convalescent.

Use Parrott and Taggart's Domestic Bread.

George Boxley of Hosbrook street continues in poor health.

Wm. Breedlove has taken charge of the Herculean Club Cafe.

Mrs. Ella Settles who had an attack of la grippe is convalescent.

Don't fail to ask your grocer for Parrott and Taggart's Domestic Bread.

Mrs. Eliza Goff of North West street, who has been very ill, is improving.

Misfit garments altered by Peter Schacher, the Tailor, 7 Indiana avenue.

Quartley meeting was held at Trinity Mission A. M. E. church last Sunday.

Rev. Hagood of Simpson Chapel will preach his farewell sermon to-morrow night.

Ask your druggist for the Kindergarten novelty, "The House that Jack Built."

Clothes dyed, cleaned and repaired by Peter Schacher, the Tailor, 7 Indiana avenue.

In the selection of your wall paper, patronize Chas. H. Parker, 137 Massachusetts avenue.

Mrs. Jemima Harper, 123 W. Fourth street, died Tuesday night of la grippe, aged 70 years.

A defective flue caused a $10 loss in the house owned and occupied by William Absome at 206 Alvoid street last Monday.

Kid gloves cleaned and pants pressed at the Capitol City Dye Works, 132 Massachusetts avenue.

Lawyer Isidor Blair has secured a suite of rooms in the Phœnix Block. He was an admirer of Fitz.

Dr. Beulah Wright-Porter has added to her already well equipped office an endoscopic, an instrument which bears similarity to the X-rays.

Miss Clara Jones was awarded first and Miss Luemma Kirk, second prize in the elocutionary contest at Walters Chapel last Thursday evening.

T. W. Fleming has in a large line of the latest styles of suit and pants patterns at 68 Indiana avenue.

Samuel Givens, who was hurt some time since by a wagon, was subjected to an operation last Saturday for necrosis of the jaw bone. The operation was performed by Drs. Furniss & Furniss.

No charge for embalming unless the body is preserved. Our work is always first-class—Flanner & Buchanan.

Geo. Stewart of Chesapeake street was carved with a razor last Sunday night, by a colored boy employed as porter in the Marlowe barber shop. The cut extended from the nose to the ear and was attended to by Drs. Furniss and Furniss.

The thriving little suburb of Norwood is the home of some of the races most hospitable and leading citizens who are making their interest in politics and business both felt and heard. Rev. Kennedy is pastor of the church which is prospering nicely.

All kinds of clothing cleaned, dyed and repaired at the Capitol City Dye Works, 132 Massachusetts avenue.

The greatest bargains on earth in groceries can be had at Geo. J. Hammel's grocery, 110-112 Massachusetts avenue.

The election of officers for the Herculean club will take place next Thursday evening. The fight promises to be a very interesting one as there are several slates. Among those prominently mentioned for president are: Capt. Buckner, W. C. Richardson, Dr. S. A. Furniss and the present incumbent, Wm. Porter.

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Geo. J. Hammel, the grocer, 110-112 Massachusetts avenue, offers great inducements in groceries. Good goods at hard time prices.

The "School History of the Negro Race" is without a doubt the best selling book we ever handled.—Manager Freeman.

Robert F. Harper, who graduated from the Indiana Veterinary College Friday afternoon, is the only colored man, so far as known, graduating from such an institution in the United States. Mr. Harper is an adept in "horse flesh," and already enjoys a large practice. We predict for Dr. Harper a prosperous future. The doctor has located in rear 642 North Illinois street.

If you want something neat and cheap do not forget that T. W. Fleming, at 68 Indiana avenue, is the boy that can fix you up in first class style. Cheapness and neatness is his motto. All kinds of suittings and pants patterns.

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For Alpha Home.

"Heaven helps those who helps themselves."

On last Thanksgiving Day the president of the Alpha Home was asked by a white man why she came to his race for donations, since it was the Negro race to be benefitted? A benefit will be given for the Alpha Home April 13 at 8:15 p. m. at Bethel A. M. E. church. Let us show a disposition to help ourselves and others will help us, Admission 10 and 15 cents.

A Cutting Affray.

Edward Ewing, a cook employed at Mrs. Williams' restaurant Indiana avenue, was seriously cut by Mary Marshall, Wednesday morning. The woman entered the place and proceeded to inflict a wound on the man's neck and arm. At this writing she has not been found

Brosnan Bros.

Brosnan Bros. the well known dry good merchants of 37-39 South Illinois street, have opened a 5c and 10c department in connection with their establishment where their customers can receive the choicest bargains in household furnishings. They appreciate the colored trade and offer inducements to receive it. Such enterprising gentlemen as the Brosnan Bros. are the ones we should patronize.

In Loving Rememberance.

"There is a Reaper, whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath
And the flowers that grow between."

Mrs. Harriet T. Willis of 186 Agnes street, while on her way to church last Sunday morning fell in a swoon and after being taken in the residence of Mrs. Chandler, 75 Elizabeth street, died almost immediately. This occurrence, as well as others, but forcibly reminds us that "in the midst of life we are in death." Mrs. Willis was an honored and respected member of the Second Baptist church, from which place her funeral occurred last Tuesday, Rev. C. C. Wilson of the Third Baptist Tabernacle church officiating. Mrs. Willis leaves besides a host of friends, a husband and also one son, Chas. Cheatham, to mourn her loss. Her funeral services were attended by Bold Temple, United Sisters of Friendship; and by Sacred Tabernacle No. 4, both orders of which she was a member, and in which she was held in high respect. Mrs. Willis was born in New Orleans, 45 years ago, of slave parentage, and the success of her life which attended her, was due to her own will power and energy. One coincidence of her death is that her sister died three years ago under similar circumstances, of that same dreadful disease, heart troubles. Two children, Gertrude and Mamie Coleman, have preceeded her. She was on her way to church to attend a funeral, when death overtaken her. She was an honest, upright church worker, a good, self respecting citizen, a faithful, loving wife, and a kind and indulging mother. We mourn her loss. Undertaker Willis had charge of the remains.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. A. H. Henderson spent several days in Lexington, Ky., last week.

Hiram Parker of Frankfort, spent Sunday and Monday in the city.

A. L. Stewart of Bloomington, spent several days in the city this week.

Messrs. Murray Hill and Julius Dupee of Connersville are in the city.

H. M. Mitchell of Cincinnati, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Brady in Vermont street.

Mr. Perkins of Sheridan, after a short stay in the city left Monday for Frankfort to reside.

A. W. Stewart of Louisville, Ky., manager of the Champion Brotherhood Base Ball Club, was a caller at our office Tuesday of last week. Mr. Stewart has just returned from a trip East in the interest of his club, where he secured several good dates with the Eastern crack clubs. Any one desiring to secure dates should address A. W. Stewart, 519 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Blackshear and family are now located at No. 11 Peru avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Fiddler, of Isham's Octoroons, have returned to their home in this city.

A convert's reception was given at Allen Chapel last Wednesday evening by members and friends.

The ever popular George Woods of Cincinnati, is a frequent visitor to our city. He is still with the "Big 4"

The reception tendered Rev. Haygood Thursday evening was a grand success, there being a large number of friends present.

Mr. and Mrs. Don D. Wells will celebrate their 15th anniversary next Monday evening at their residence, 158 Agnes street.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, who has been attending the bed side of her father, Mr. Edwards, of Terre Haute, returned home last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dr. Warden and daughter of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Graves of Chicago, and Mrs. Minter of Madisonville, Ky., are in the city visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Stella Cannon, of Cambridge City, who is taking vocal culture in the College of Music, this city, is stopping with Mrs. Mary Brown, 370 North Senate avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Ford entertained a large number of young people Monday night in honor of their son William at their residence, 367 Blake street.

The Serta Feira Club met at the residence of Mrs. Mary Bradshaw, Friday March 19, 574 East St. Clair street. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Mrs. Munn, president; Miss Mamie White, secretary.

The Grammar Grade Cadet Club gave its first annual reception Sunday, the 14th at the residence of Miss Cora Martin, 141 Puryear street. The hours were from 2:30 to 6 p. m. A large number of friends accepted the hospitality of the club.

Mrs. Wesley Jackson left last Wednesday for a two week's visit in Lexington, Ky., her former home. Last Sunday she witnessed the baptizing of her father, Abraham Wilkinson, at Lexington, who is now ninety years old, and was recently converted to the Baptist faith.

The East End Etching Club tendered a grand reception in honor of their past president, Miss Ella Lewis, Thursday night, March 11, at the residence of Mrs. William Bell, 497 N. West street. Several of the ladies presented some valuable presents to the ex-president which were highly appreciated. The ladies who received were: Mrs. Susie Porter, Mrs. Roxie Dixon, Mrs. Wm, Givens, Mrs. Jennie Hill, Mrs. Hattie Moore; Mrs. Ada Goens, chairman of committee.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

"On, on, with the dance
Let joy be unconfined!"

"The Black 400's Ball."

Almost a year ago, Indianapolitans suddenly awakened to the fact that a hydra-headed monster—a blue vein circle was forming in these latitudes, but with our bayonet we pierced the ferocious monster unto death. It now lives in the minds of only a few, and is seldom mentioned save behind closed doors. And now society is all agog again. This time it is over the Terpsichorean art.

A dancing class is in course of organization, and it is stated that the social lines are so strictly drawn that even a few of the participants are suffering with galled necks. We cannot inform the generous public whether these lines are drawn on station in life, or color, but it is whispered that it is on the former. Be that as it may, a fearful howl has gone out.

It is said that the Bradley-Martin ball will pale as the stars before a noon-day sun when these academician dancers have completed their course, and give their opening ball. The gay and festive lads, the young (?) and blushing maidens, the pretty dashing widows, will all be costumed in rare elegance.

She has gone! Her whereabouts are unknown. We hope, however, that she will find a balm for her aching heart. Conciliatory thereto, we would suggest she read the following: "The ability to die of a broken heart from unrequited affection is a purely feminine talent, which may be ascribed also to a feminine lack of common sense. If a man loves and is beloved he takes his good fortune lightly. He never worries over the precise state of the girl's affection; but a woman tortures herself with a chance word or an imagined coldness. She requires to have the temperature of his love from hour to hour, and if it is a particle under normal she is ready to break her heart over it, and make a tragedy out of something that is probably only caused by a fit of indigestion, or a business worry. It is possible that as women get more interests in life they may cease living so much on their emotions, and the world will be better and happier."

The street-corner dude has been much in evidence these balmy days. Caucuses are some times held for hours by these "swells" who frequently discuss the race problem and other weighty subjects, at the expense of the landlady.

We somewhere read: "That man owes his success in life to the fact that he was able to see the golden moment in life and had the power to grasp it. With few exceptions things come to all of us, and the difference between success and failure is that one man grasps the chance while the other lets it slip by. Small things in life, if given proper thought, may mean much for us in future years."

"Lovers once but strangers now," may fall with a death-like thud on some people's shoulders, while others sing in joyous strains, "I ask you to forget the past."

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Mrs. India Zion is on the sick list.

Rev. J. H. Young preached an excellent sermon last Sunday evening.

The Sunday school is growing in interest each Sunday. The lecture room was full last Sunday.

Rev. Murray's subject for next Sunday evening will be the "Ant."

Director Chas. Green is doing commendable work with the choir.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Elder Willis Bryant gave a very interesting and instructive talk last Sunday morning. The Sunday school is increasing both in number and interest under the guidance of Dr. Joseph Ward superintendent. Excellent music by the orchestra. Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30. Public invited.

JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

Revival has closed,

The Christain Endeavor Society is doing well. We have three clubs, the red, white and blue, to run a May Fair. The captains of these clubs are Mrs. Ella Vaugh, Mrs. Jennett Mayweathers and Mrs. Allie Davis.

A large congregation was out last Sunday, including a number of visitors. The Christian Endeavor prayer meeting on Friday nights is well attended. Thomas Poole is chairman of the prayer meeting committee.

The senior choir did credit to themselves last Sunday night in singing.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday services were well attended. Rev. Harris preached at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Collection $20.

The Sunday school was well attended. Collection $3 25.

The five o'clock prayer meeting is still in progress, also Tuesday evenings.

The "Rat Trap Party" given under the management of Mrs. Andrew Quinn was a success. Easley's orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

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Mrs. Kate Russell is on the sick list.

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"The Man that Prayed in Hell."
Sunday March 28,—11 a.m.
"Who Shall Abide."
Sunday March 28,—7:30 p. m.
"Man is as Grass."
Monday March 29.
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Tuesday March 30.
"Nebuchadnezza's Fall. Daniel's Faith."
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CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Blackshear preached a most excellent sermon last Sunday morning to a large congregation.

The Missionary exercises last Sunday were well attended. A special collection was taken for mission work.

Among the indisposed are: Mrs. Blackshear, Mrs. Sallie Shelton, and Miss Geniveve Bagby.

Thursday night prayer meetings are being fairly well attended.

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